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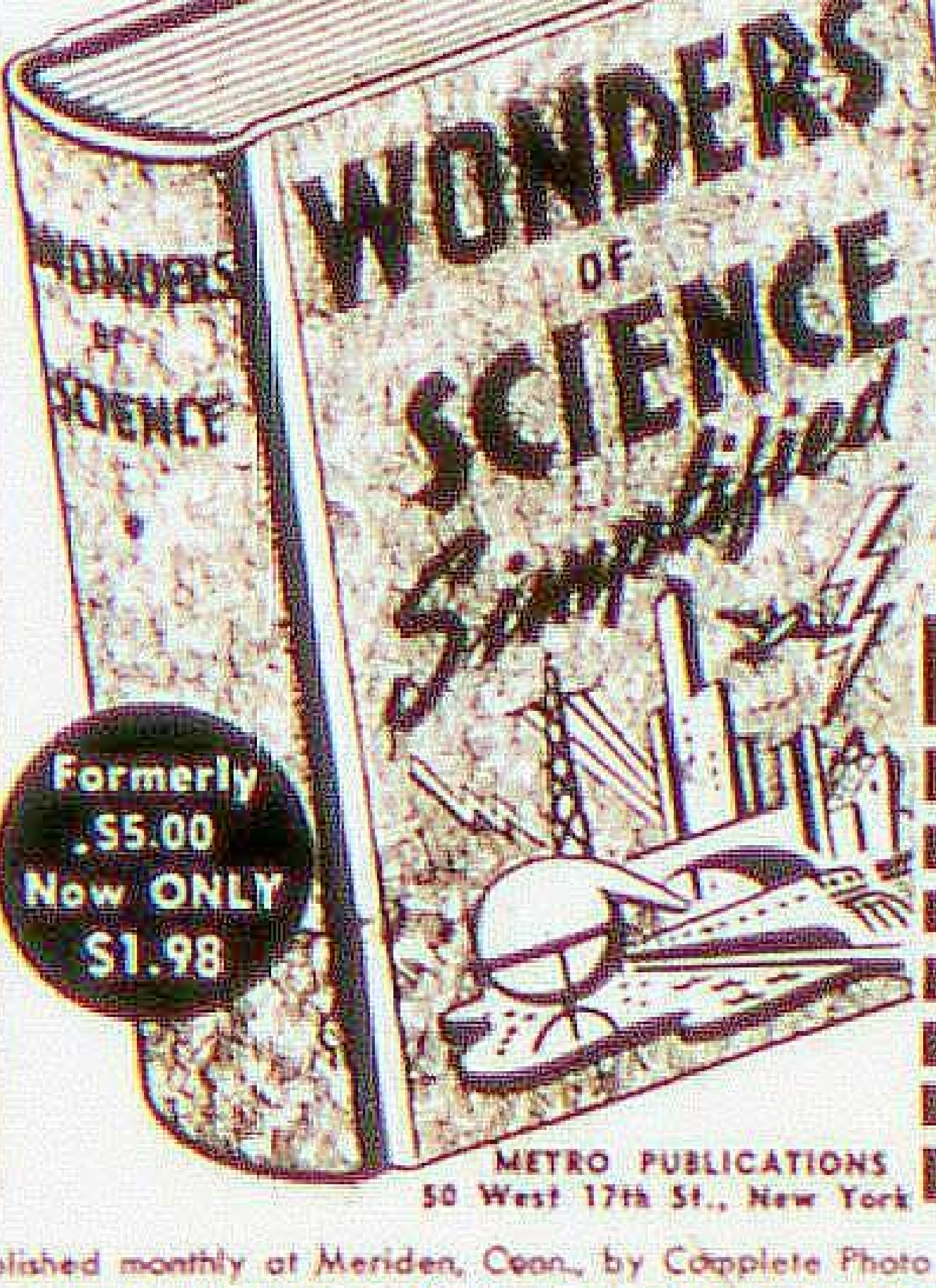

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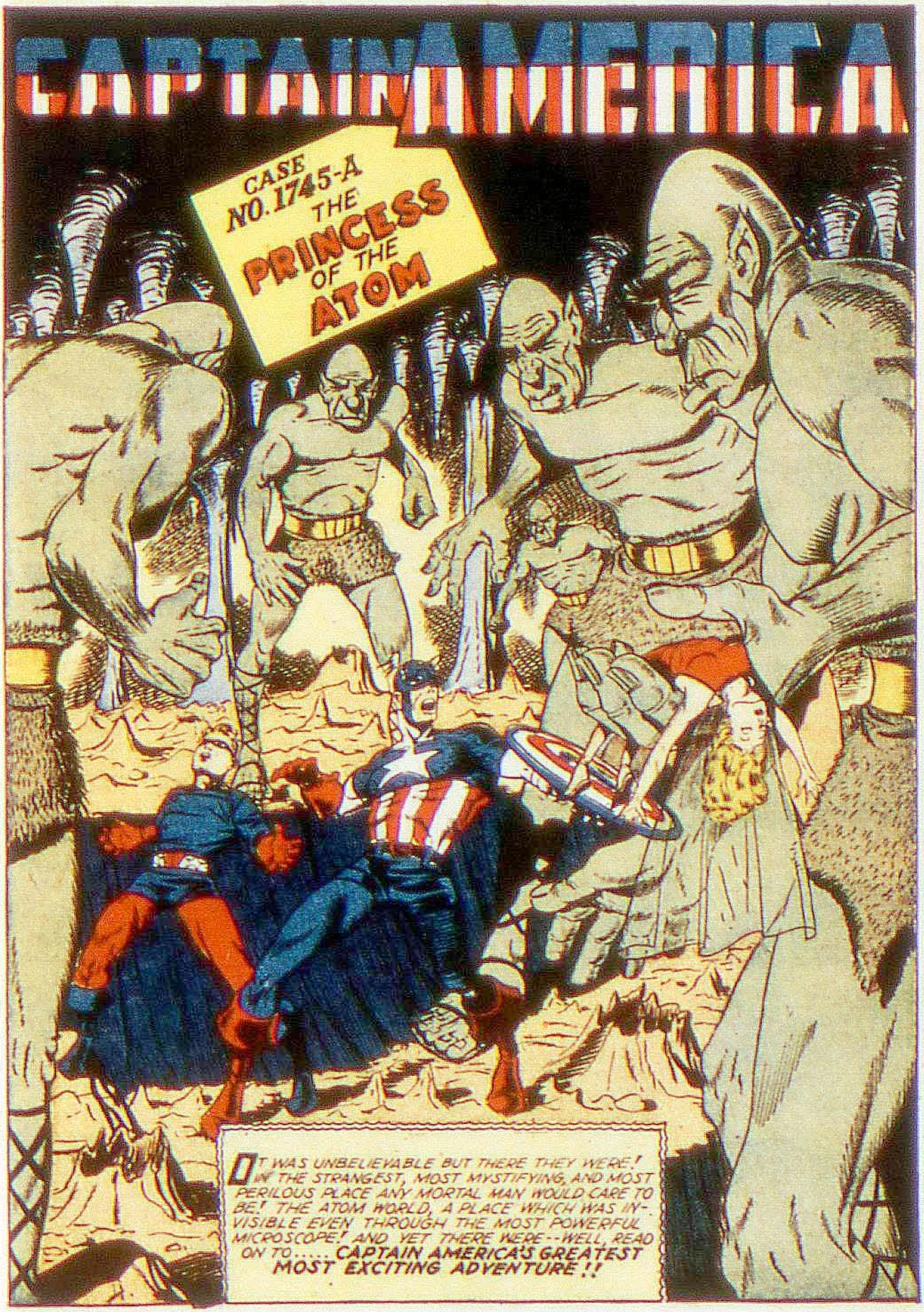
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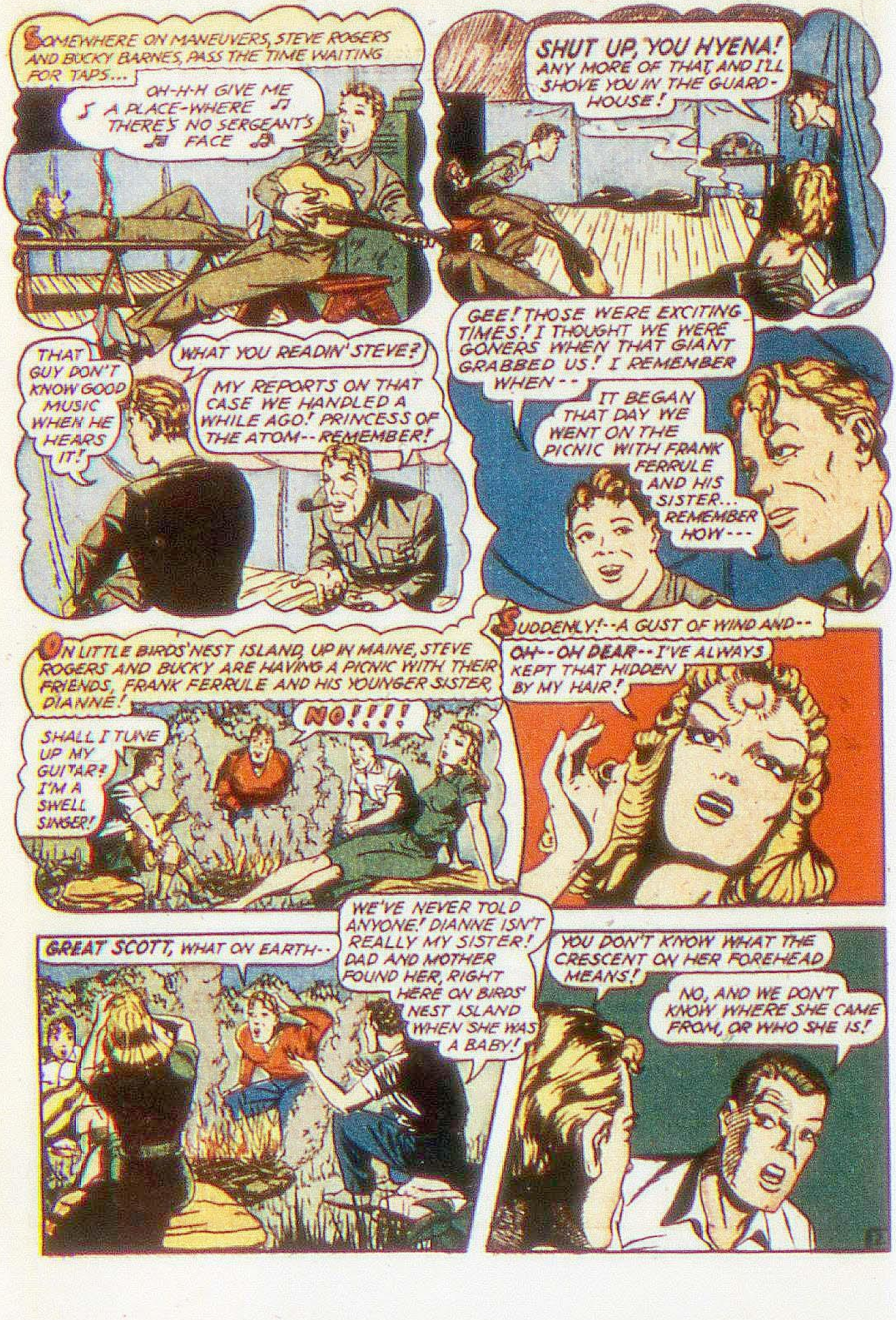
THE PRINCESS OF THE ATOM
IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE BUT THERE THEY WERE! IN THE STRANGEST, MOST MYSTIFYING, AND MOST PERILOUS PLACE ANY MORTAL MAN WOULD CARE TO BE! THE ATOM WORLD, A PLACE WHICH WAS INVISIBLE EVEN THROUGH THE MOST POWERFUL MICROSCOPE! AND YET THERE WERE--WELL, READ ON TO..... CAPTAIN AMERICA'S GREATEST MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE!!


SOMEWHERE ON MANEUVERS, STEVE ROGERS AND BUCKY BARNES, PASS THE TIME WAITING FOR TAPS...
OH-H-H GIVE ME A PLACE-WHERE THERE'S NO SERGEANT'S FACE
SHUT UP, YOU HYENA! ANY MORE OF THAT, AND I'LL SHOVE YOU IN THE GUARD-HOUSE!
THAT GUY DON'T KNOW GOOD MUSIC WHEN HE HEARS IT!
WHAT YOU READIN' STEVE?
MY REPORTS ON THAT CASE WE HANDLED A WHILE AGO! PRINCESS OF THE ATOM--REMEMBER!
GEE! THOSE WERE EXCITING TIMES! I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS WHEN THAT GIANT GRABBED US! I REMEMBER WHEN--
IT BEGAN THAT DAY WE WENT ON THE PICNIC WITH FRANK FERRULE AND HIS SISTER... REMEMBER HOW---
ON LITTLE BIRDS' NEST ISLAND, UP IN MAINE, STEVE ROGERS AND BUCKY ARE HAVING A PICNIC WITH THEIR FRIENDS, FRANK FERRULE AND HIS YOUNGER SISTER, DIANNE!
SHALL I TUNE UP MY GUITAR? I'M A SWELL SINGER!
NO!!!!
SUDDENLY!--A GUST OF WIND AND--
OH--OH DEAR--I'VE ALWAYS KEPT THAT HIDDEN BY MY HAIR!
GREAT SCOTT, WHAT ON EARTH--
WE'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE! DIANNE ISN'T REALLY MY SISTER! DAD AND MOTHER FOUND HER, RIGHT HERE ON BIRDS' NEST ISLAND WHEN SHE WAS A BABY!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CRESCENT ON HER FOREHEAD MEANS!
NO, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE CAME FROM, OR WHO SHE IS!
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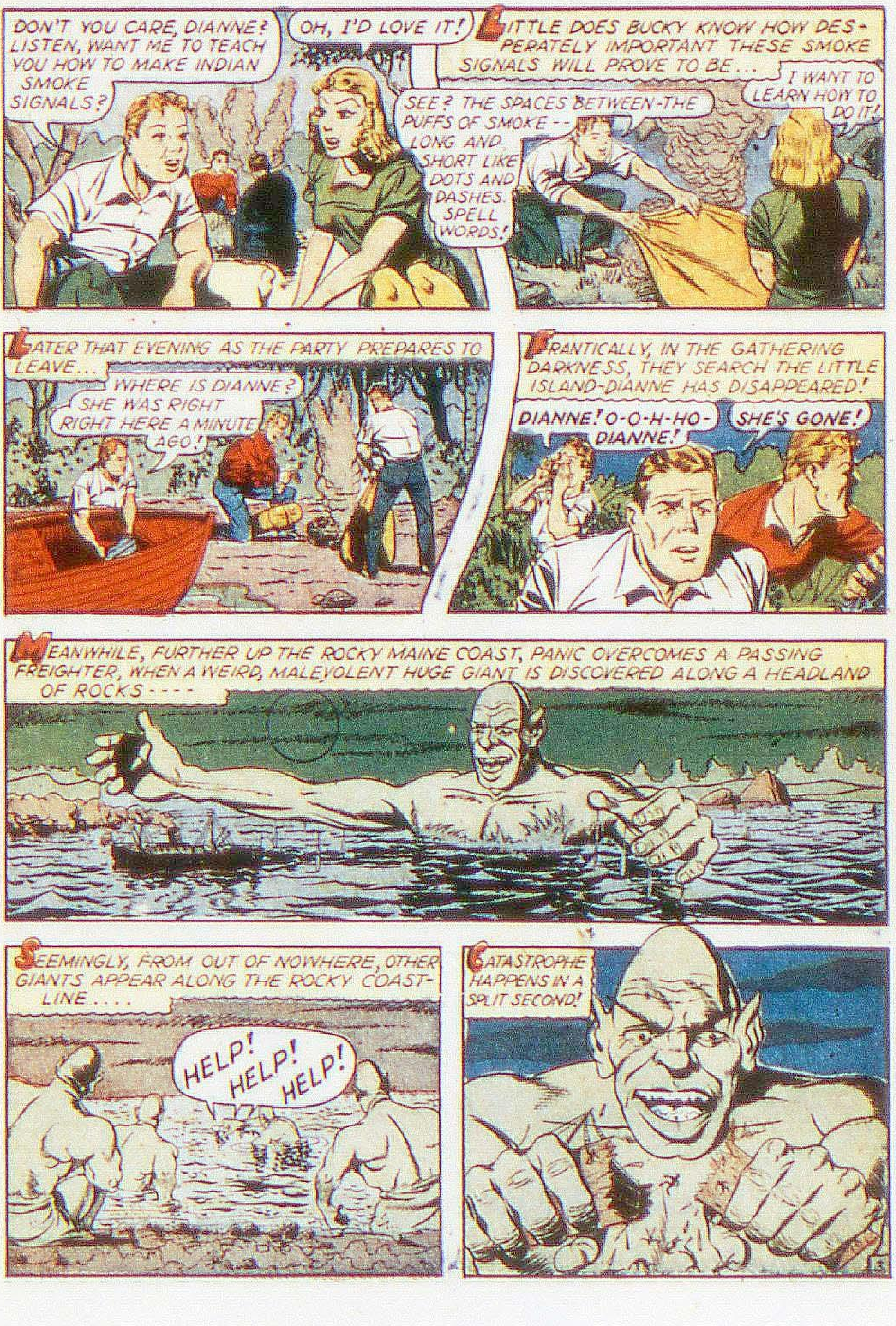
DON'T YOU CARE, DIANNE? LISTEN, WANT ME TO TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE INDIAN SMOKE SIGNALS?
OH, I'D LOVE IT!
LITTLE DOES BUCKY KNOW HOW DESPERATELY IMPORTANT THESE SMOKE SIGNALS WILL PROVE TO BE...
I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DO IT!
SEE? THE SPACES BETWEEN-THE PUFFS OF SMOKE -- LONG AND SHORT LIKE DOTS AND DASHES. SPELL WORDS!
LATER THAT EVENING AS THE PARTY PREPARES TO LEAVE...
WHERE IS DIANNE? SHE WAS RIGHT RIGHT HERE A MINUTE AGO!
FRANTICALLY, IN THE GATHERING DARKNESS, THEY SEARCH THE LITTLE ISLAND-DIANNE HAS DISAPPEARED!
DIANNE! O-O-H-HO-DIANNE!
SHE'S GONE!
MEANWHILE, FURTHER UP THE ROCKY MAINE COAST, PANIC OVERCOMES A PASSING FREIGHTER, WHEN A WEIRD, MALEVOLENT HUGE GIANT IS DISCOVERED ALONG A HEADLAND OF ROCKS---
SEEMINGLY, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, OTHER GIANTS APPEAR ALONG THE ROCKY COASTLINE....
HELP! HELP! HELP!
CATASTROPHE HAPPENS IN A SPLIT SECOND!
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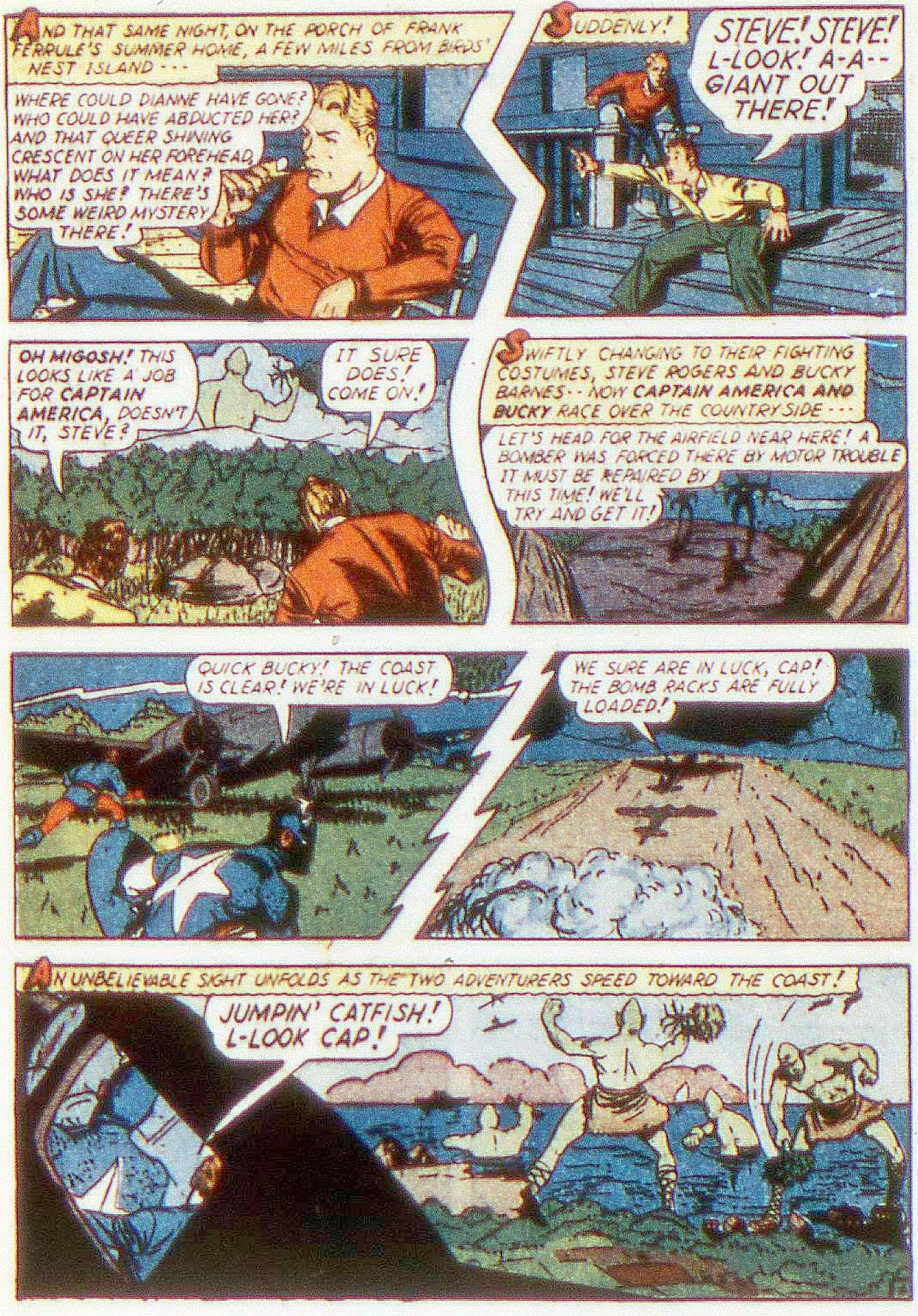
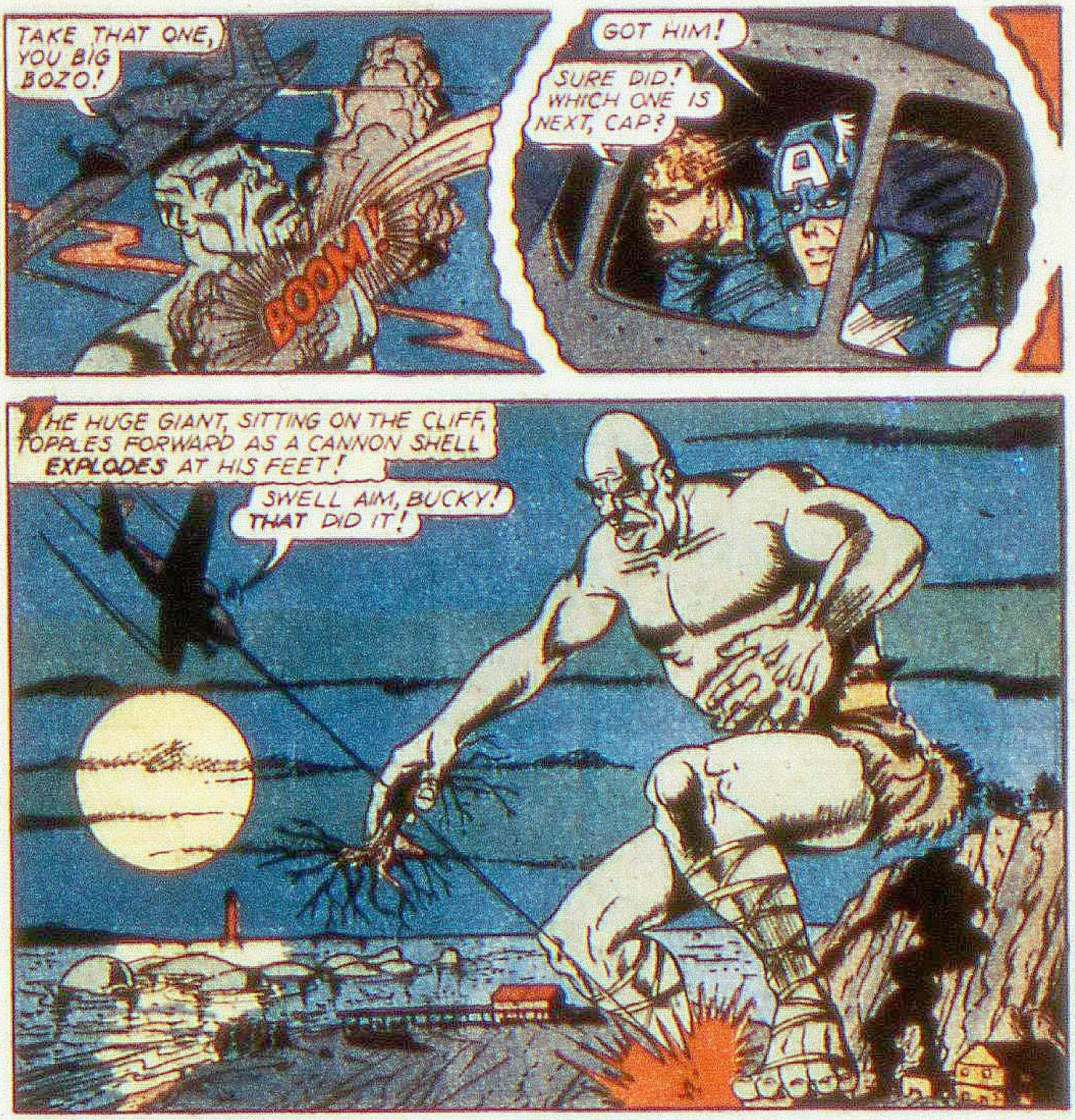
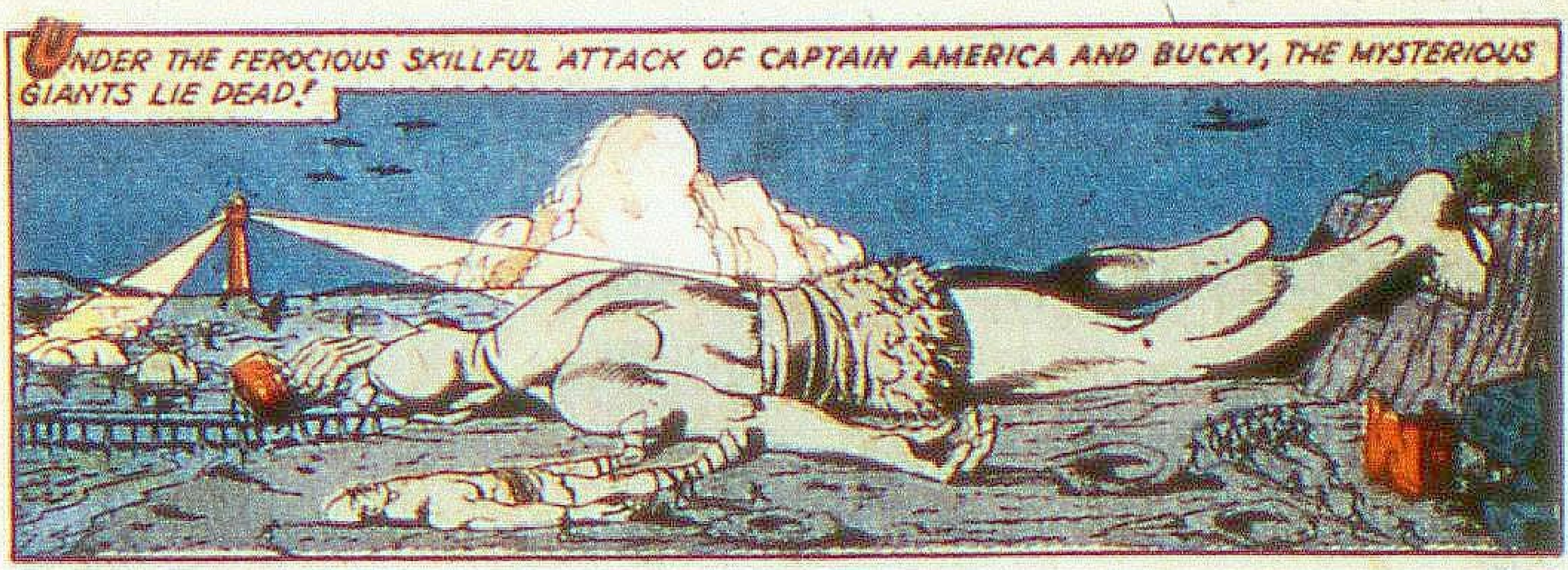
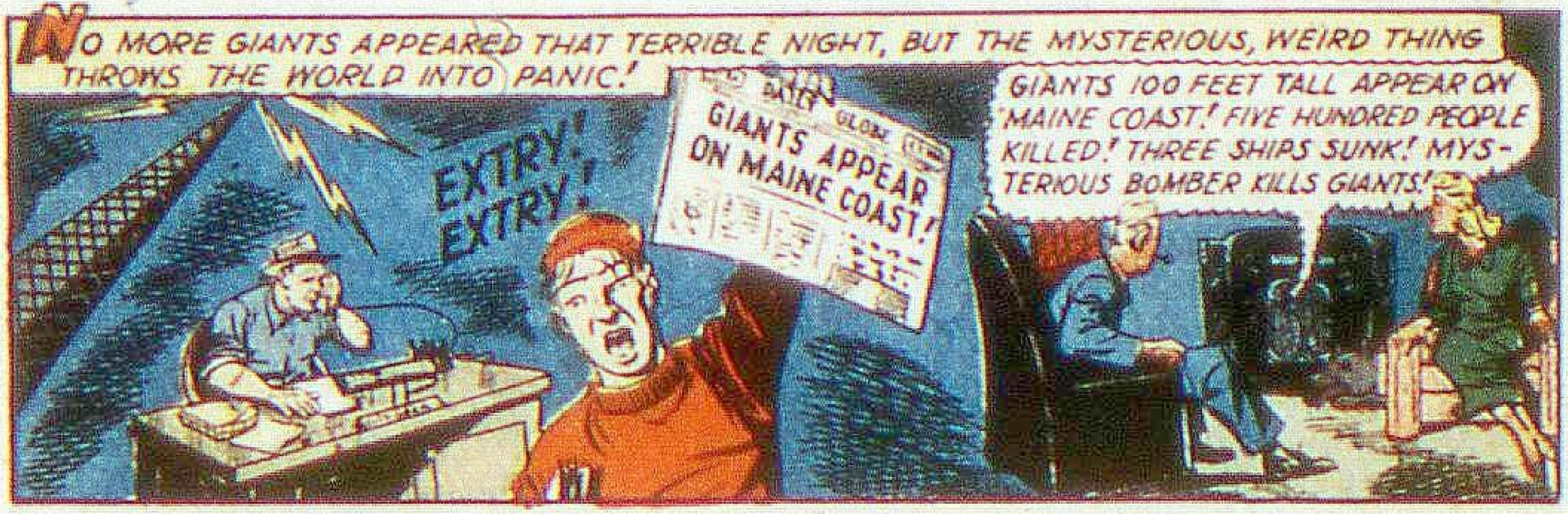
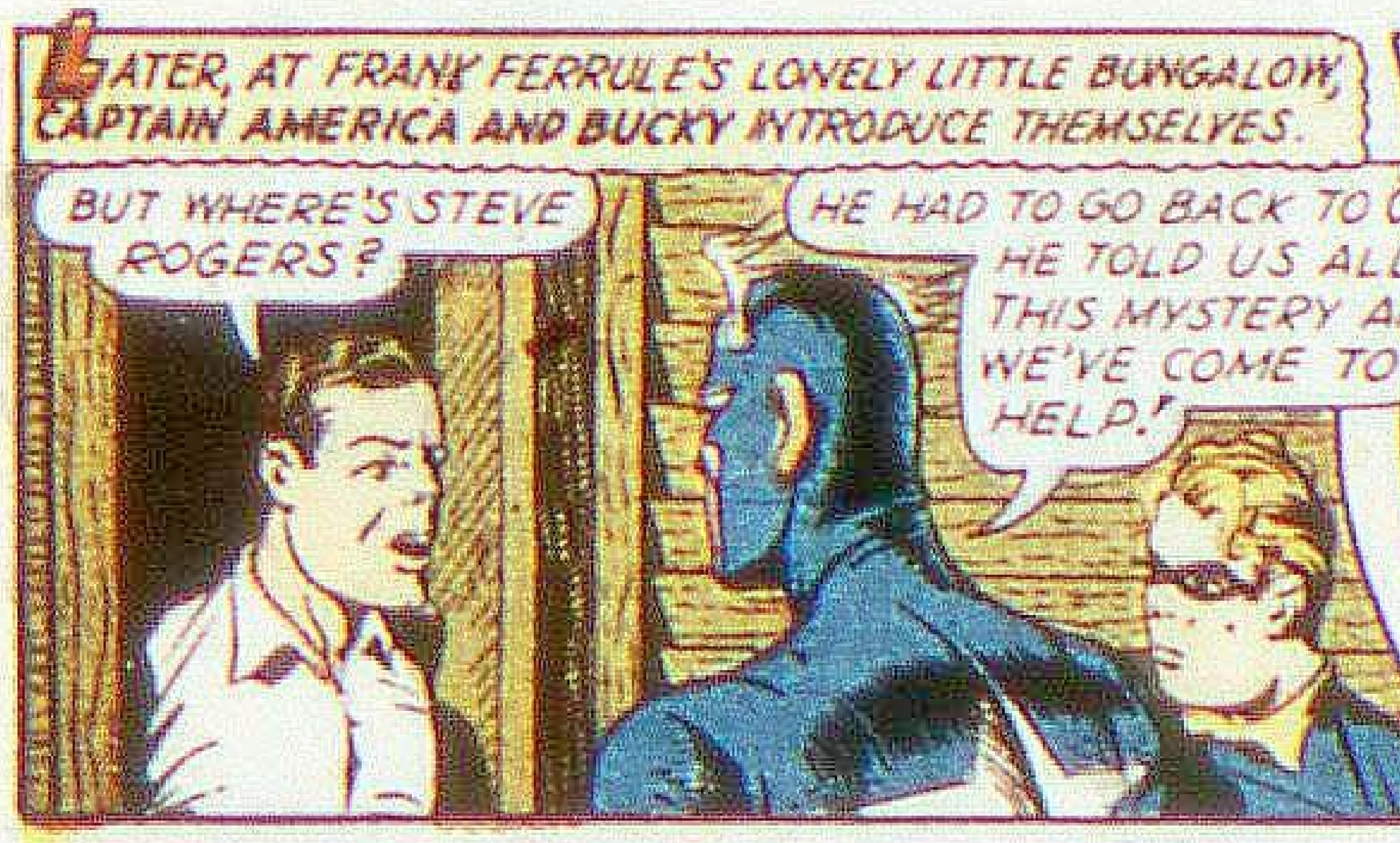
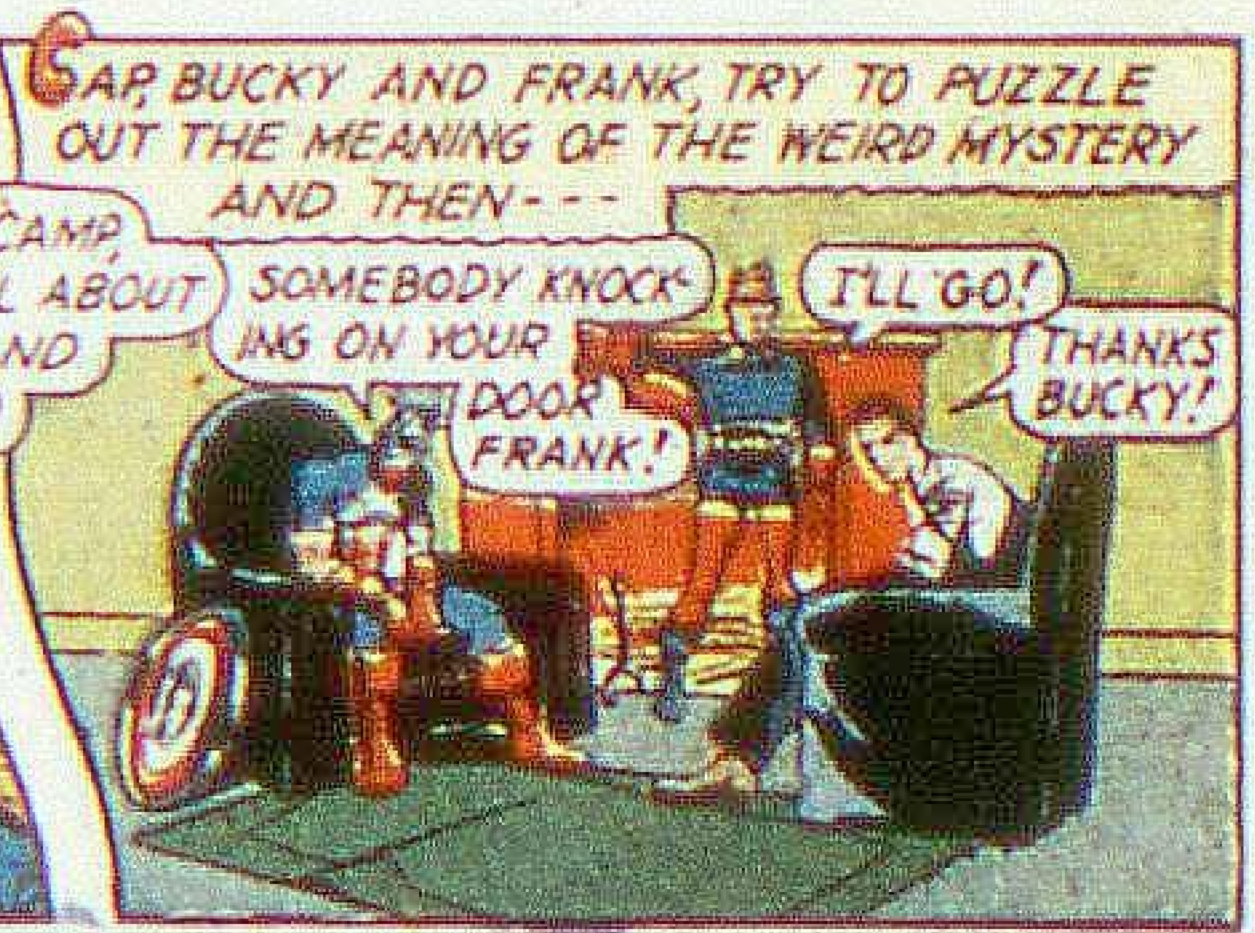

AND THAT SAME NIGHT, ON THE PORCH OF FRANK FERRULE'S SUMMER HOME, A FEW MILES FROM BIRDS' NEST ISLAND - - -
WHERE COULD DIANNE HAVE GONE? WHO COULD HAVE ABDUCTED HER? AND THAT QUEER SHINING CRESCENT ON HER FOREHEAD, WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHO IS SHE? THERE'S SOME WEIRD MYSTERY THERE!
SUDDENLY!
STEVE! STEVE! L-LOOK! A-A-GIANT OUT THERE!
OH MIGOSH! THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA, DOESN'T IT, STEVE?
IT SURE DOES! COME ON!
SWIFTLY CHANGING TO THEIR FIGHTING COSTUMES, STEVE ROGERS AND BUCKY BARNES - - NOW CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY RACE OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE - - -
LET'S HEAD FOR THE AIRFIELD NEAR HERE! A BOMBER WAS FORCED THERE BY MOTOR TROUBLE IT MUST BE REPAIRED BY THIS TIME! WE'LL TRY AND GET IT!
QUICK BUCKY! THE COAST IS CLEAR! WE'RE IN LUCK!
WE SURE ARE IN LUCK, CAP! THE BOMB RACKS ARE FULLY LOADED!
AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT UNFOLDS AS THE TWO ADVENTURERS SPEED TOWARD THE COAST!
JUMPIN' CATFISH! L-LOOK CAP!

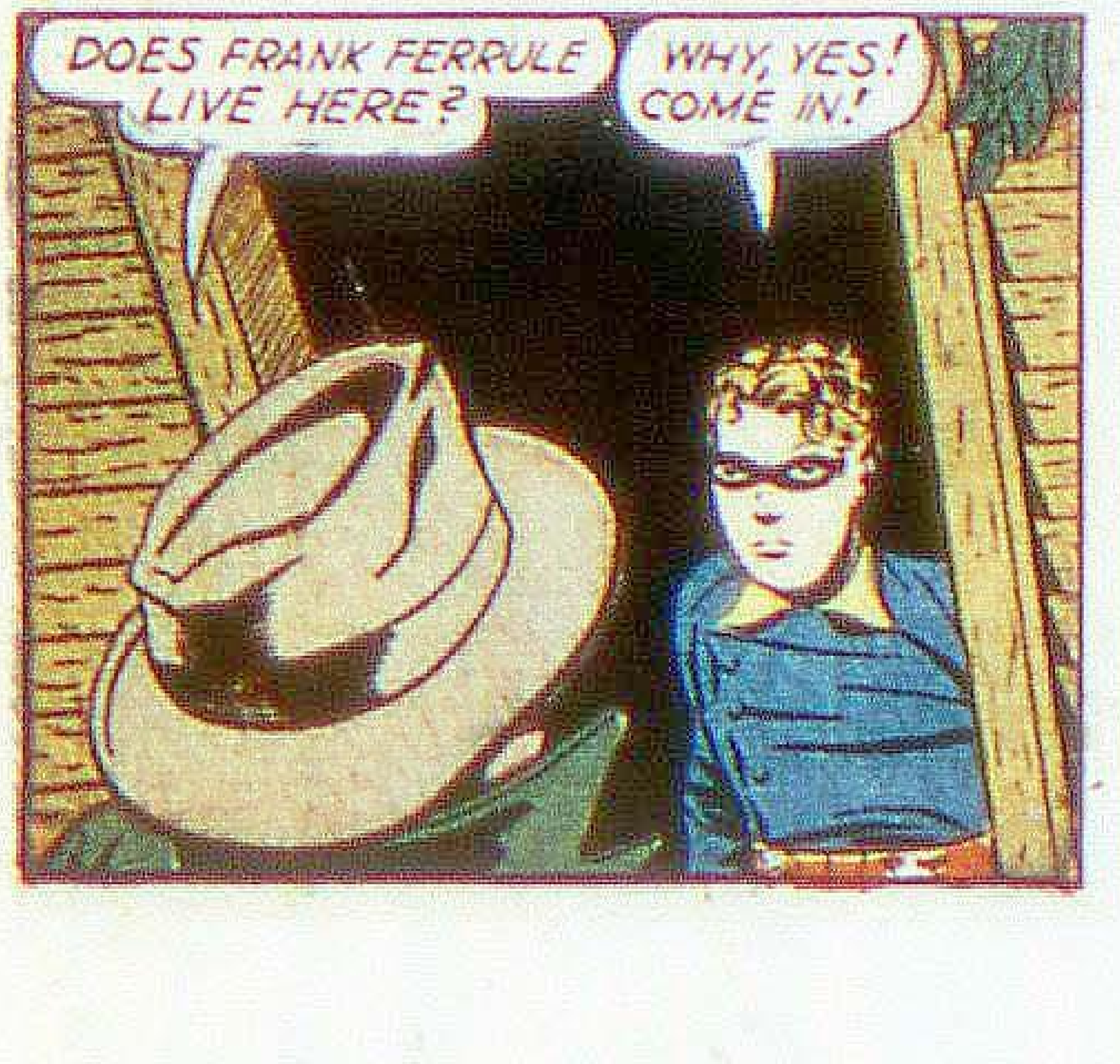

TAKE THAT ONE, YOU BIG BOZO!
BOOM!
GOT HIM!
SURE DID! WHICH ONE IS NEXT, CAP?
THE HUGE GIANT, SITTING ON THE CLIFF, TOPPLES FORWARD AS A CANNON SHELL EXPLODES AT HIS FEET!
SWELL AIM, BUCKY! THAT DID IT!
CAP, LOOK! THERE'S ONE GETTING SMALLER! HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE!
BUCKY'S SURE FIRE AIM STRAFES THE DWINDLING GIANT!

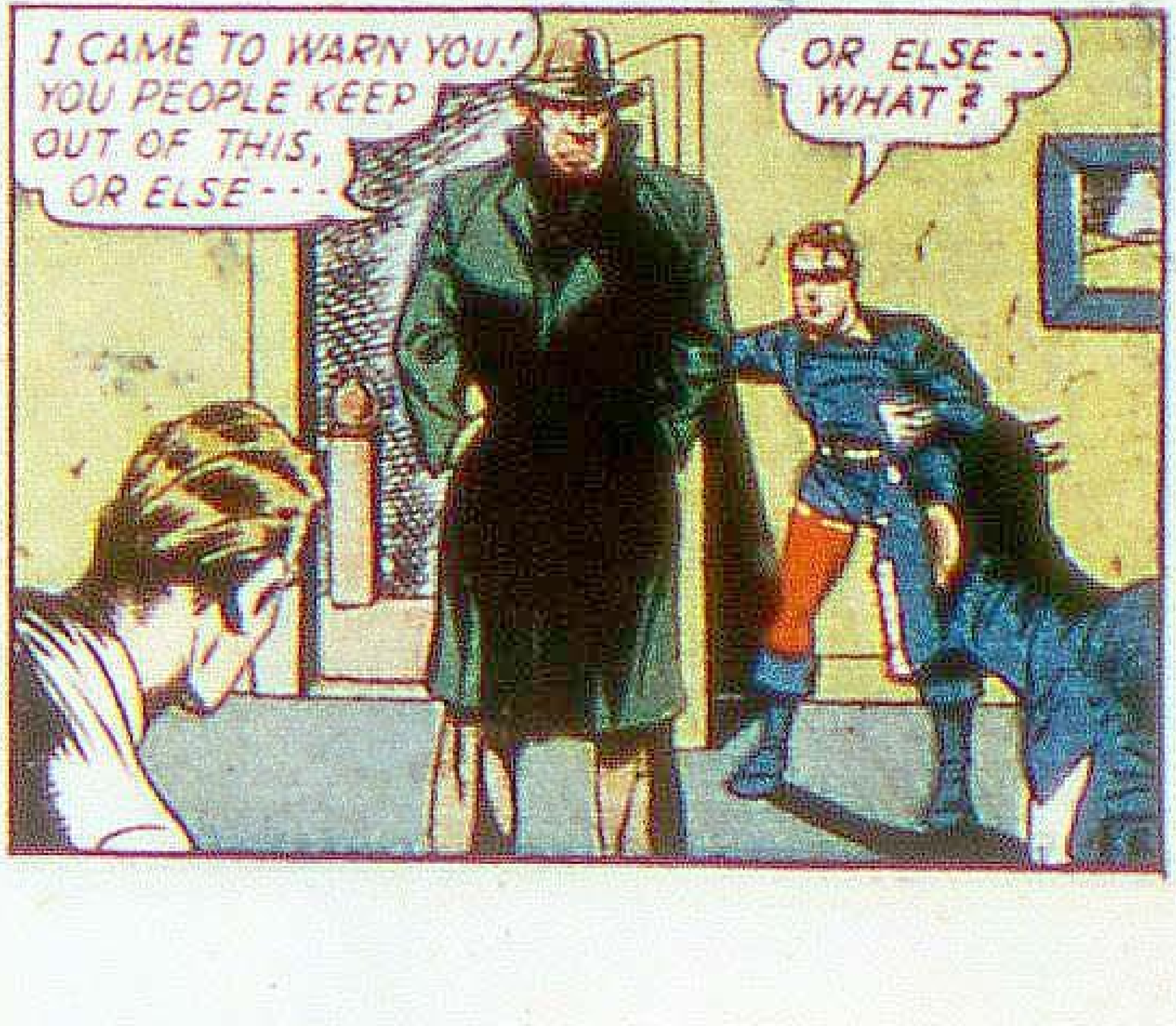

UNDER THE FEROCIOUS SKILLFUL ATTACK OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY, THE MYSTERIOUS GIANTS LIE DEAD!

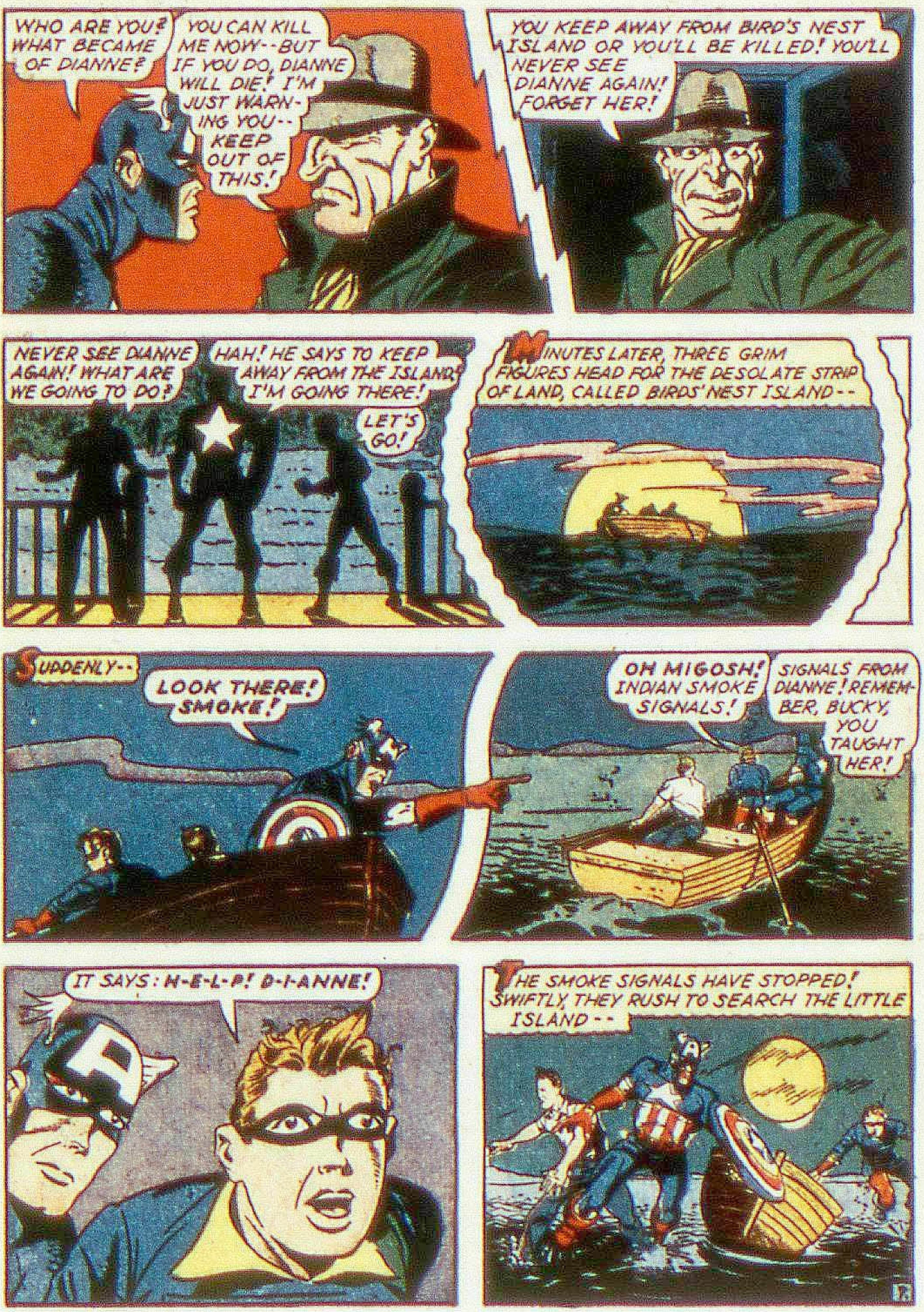

NO MORE GIANTS APPEARED THAT TERRIBLE NIGHT, BUT THE MYSTERIOUS, WEIRD THING THROWS THE WORLD INTO PANIC!
DAILY GLOBE
GIANTS APPEAR ON MAINE COAST!
EXTRY! EXTRY!
GIANTS 100 FEET TALL APPEAR ON MAINE COAST! FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE KILLED! THREE SHIPS SUNK! MYSTERIOUS BOMBER KILLS GIANTS!

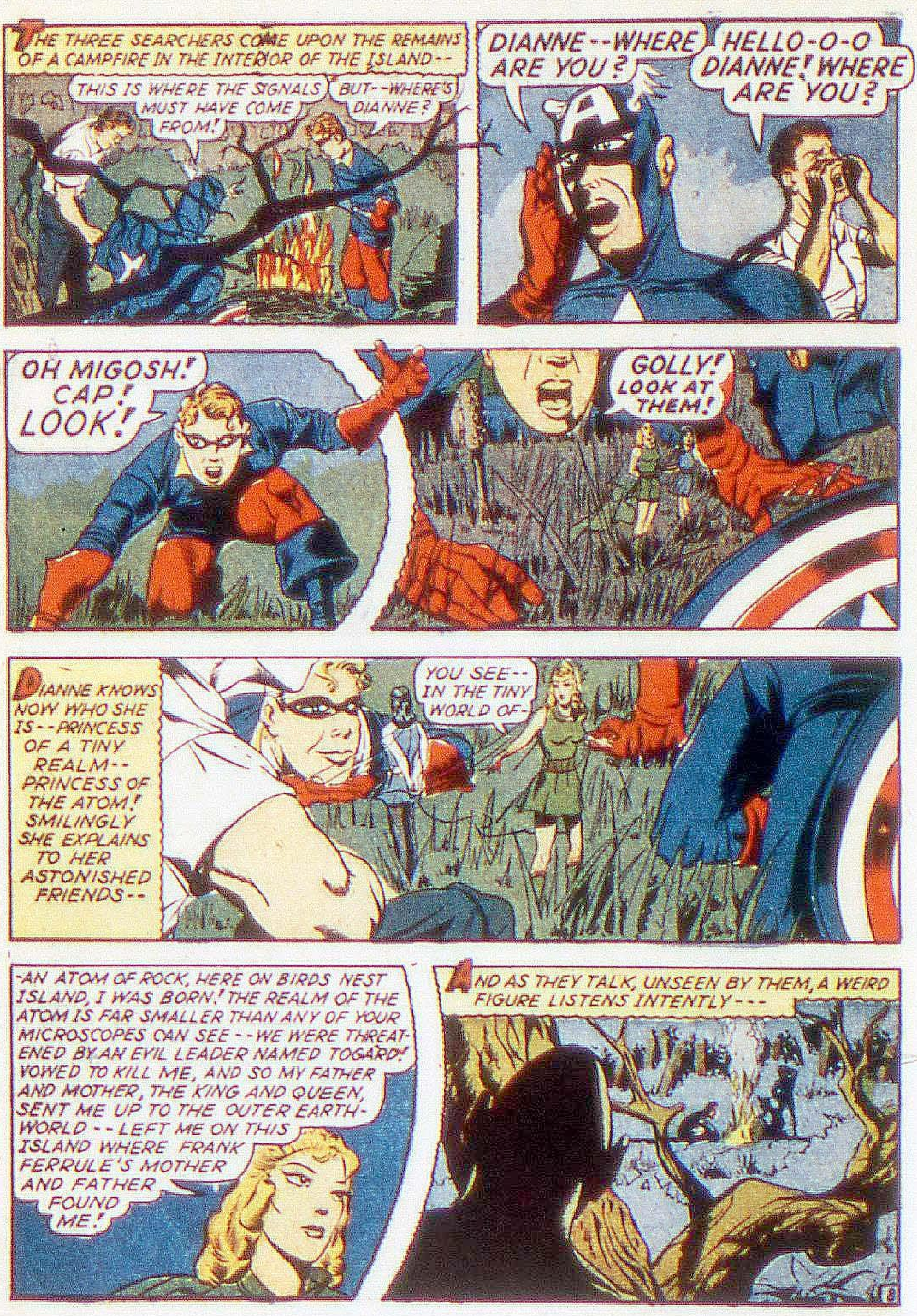

LATER, AT FRANK FERRULE'S LONELY LITTLE BUNGALOW, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.
BUT WHERE'S STEVE ROGERS?
HE HAD TO GO BACK TO CAMP. HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT THIS MYSTERY AND WE'VE COME TO HELP!


CAP, BUCKY AND FRANK, TRY TO PUZZLE OUT THE MEANING OF THE WEIRD MYSTERY AND THEN---
SOMEBODY KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR FRANK!
I'LL GO!
THANKS BUCKY!


DOES FRANK FERRULE LIVE HERE?
WHY, YES! COME IN!


I CAME TO WARN YOU! YOU PEOPLE KEEP OUT OF THIS, OR ELSE---
OR ELSE-- WHAT?


WHO ARE YOU? WHAT BECAME OF DIANNE?
YOU CAN KILL ME NOW--BUT IF YOU DO, DIANNE WILL DIE! I'M JUST WARNING YOU--KEEP OUT OF THIS!
YOU KEEP AWAY FROM BIRD'S NEST ISLAND OR YOU'LL BE KILLED! YOU'LL NEVER SEE DIANNE AGAIN! FORGET HER!
NEVER SEE DIANNE AGAIN! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
HAH! HE SAYS TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE ISLAND! I'M GOING THERE!
LET'S GO!
MINUTES LATER, THREE GRIM FIGURES HEAD FOR THE DESOLATE STRIP OF LAND, CALLED BIRDS' NEST ISLAND--
SUDDENLY--
LOOK THERE! SMOKE!
OH MIGOSH! INDIAN SMOKE SIGNALS!
SIGNALS FROM DIANNE! REMEMBER, BUCKY, YOU TAUGHT HER!
IT SAYS: H-E-L-P! D-I-ANNE!
THE SMOKE SIGNALS HAVE STOPPED! SWIFTLY, THEY RUSH TO SEARCH THE LITTLE ISLAND--


THE THREE SEARCHERS COME UPON THE REMAINS OF A CAMPFIRE IN THE INTERIOR OF THE ISLAND--
THIS IS WHERE THE SIGNALS MUST HAVE COME FROM!
BUT--WHERE'S DIANNE?
DIANNE--WHERE ARE YOU?
HELLO-O-O DIANNE! WHERE ARE YOU?
OH MIGOSH! CAP! LOOK!
GOLLY! LOOK AT THEM!
DIANNE KNOWS NOW WHO SHE IS--PRINCESS OF A TINY REALM--PRINCESS OF THE ATOM! SMILINGLY SHE EXPLAINS TO HER ASTONISHED FRIENDS--
YOU SEE--IN THE TINY WORLD OF-
-AN ATOM OF ROCK, HERE ON BIRDS NEST ISLAND, I WAS BORN! THE REALM OF THE ATOM IS FAR SMALLER THAN ANY OF YOUR MICROSCOPES CAN SEE--WE WERE THREATENED BY AN EVIL LEADER NAMED TOGARD! VOWED TO KILL ME, AND SO MY FATHER AND MOTHER, THE KING AND QUEEN, SENT ME UP TO THE OUTER EARTH-WORLD--LEFT ME ON THIS ISLAND WHERE FRANK FERRULE'S MOTHER AND FATHER FOUND ME!
AND AS THEY TALK, UNSEEN BY THEM, A WEIRD FIGURE LISTENS INTENTLY---
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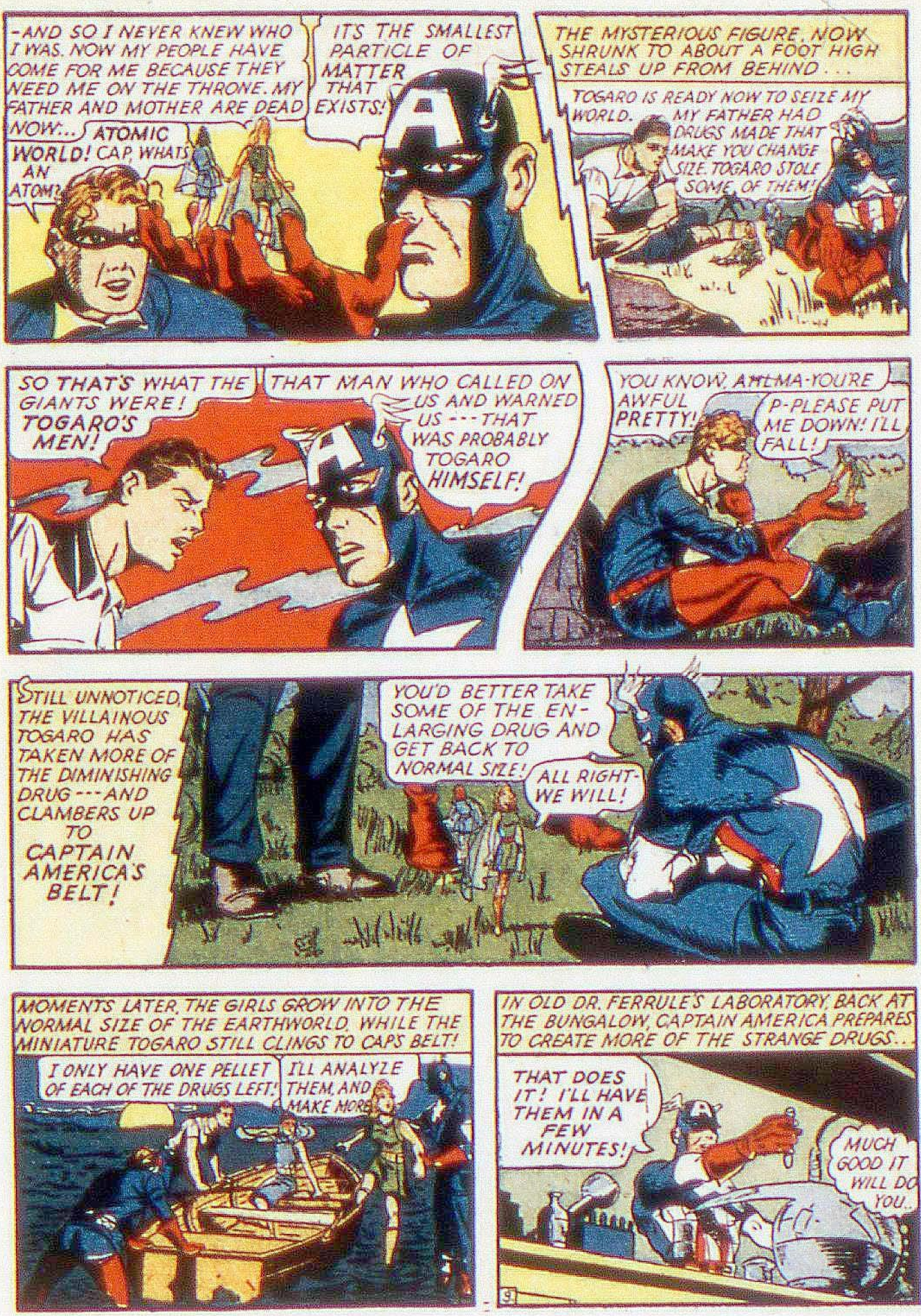
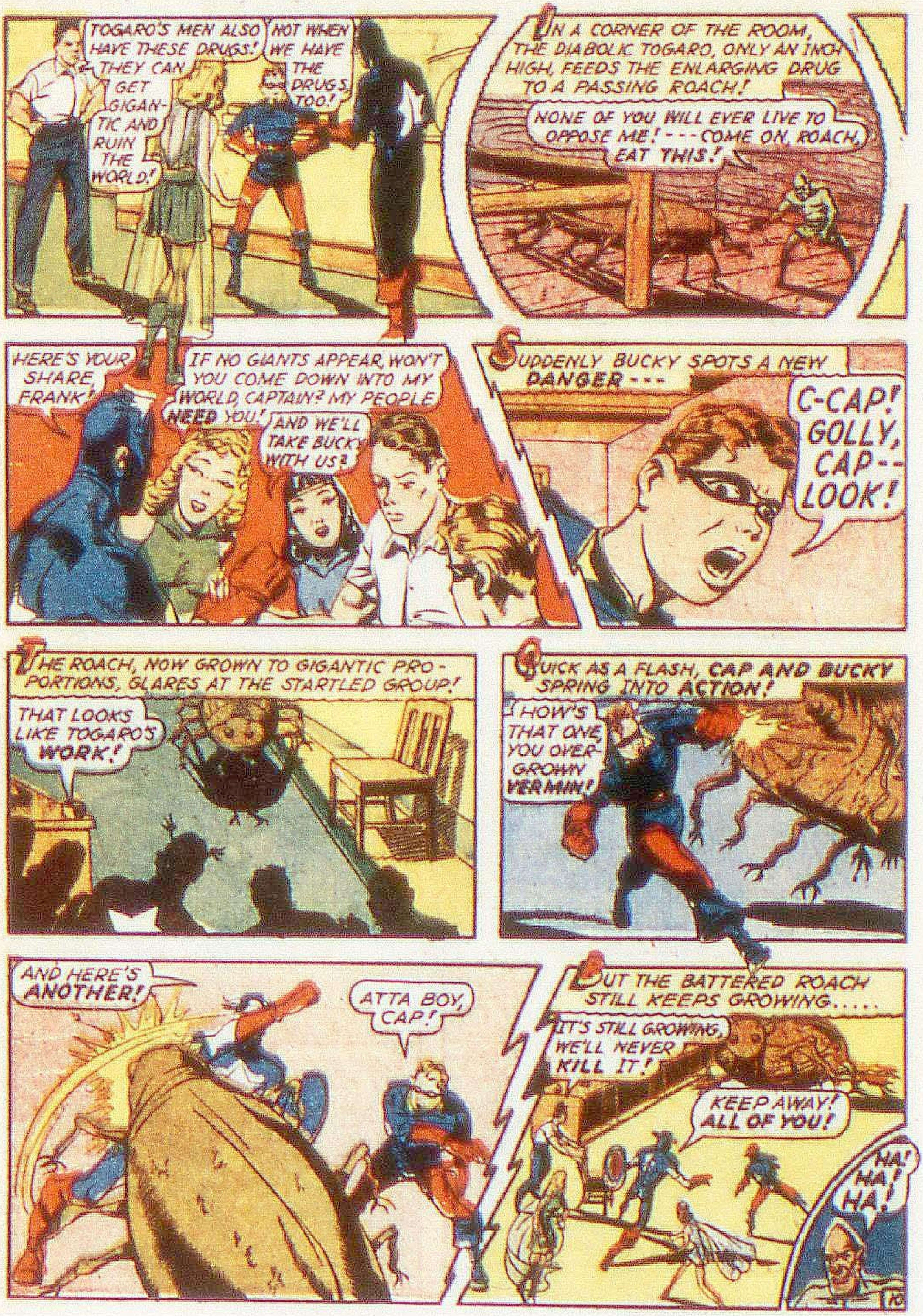
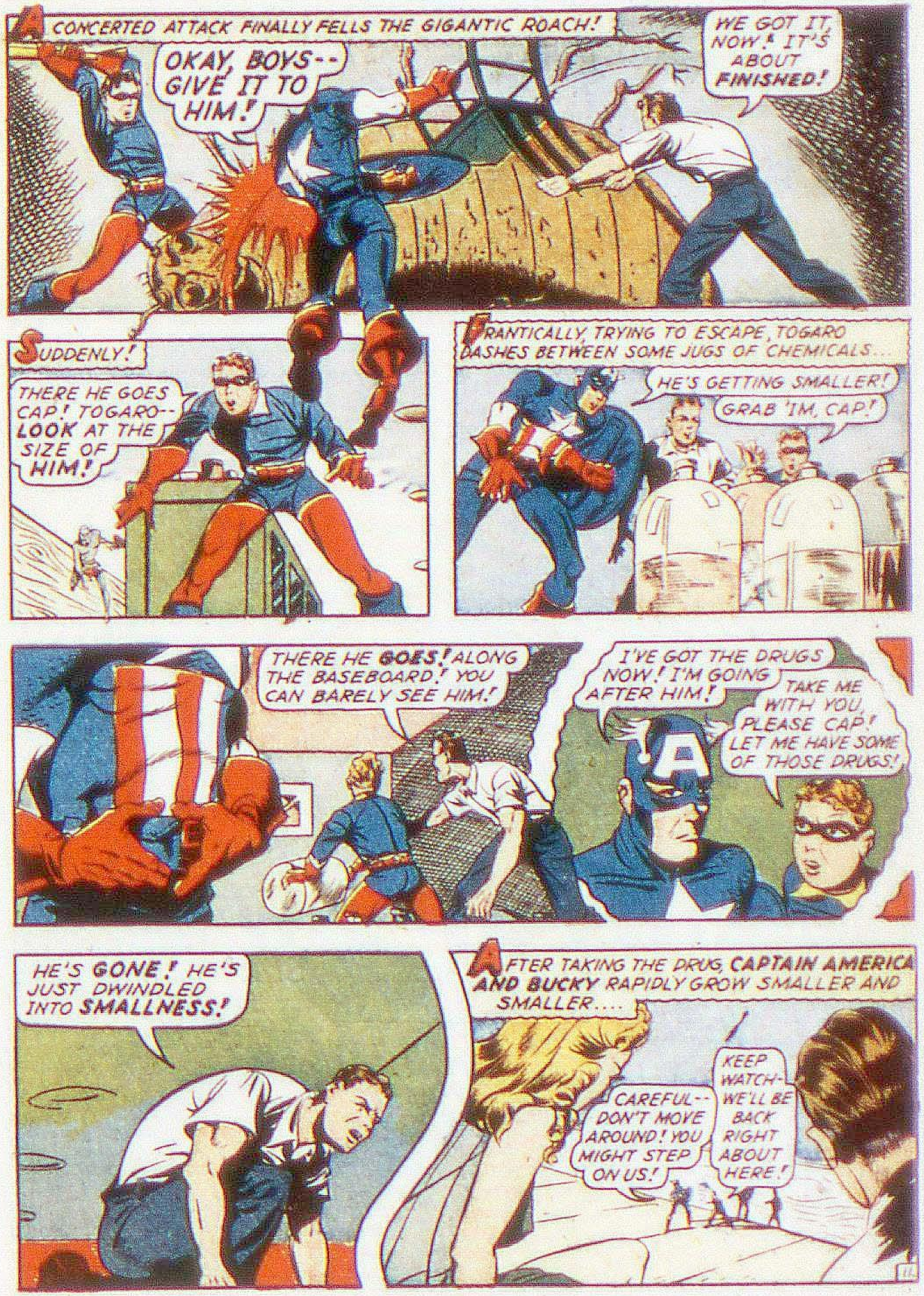

-AND SO I NEVER KNEW WHO I WAS. NOW MY PEOPLE HAVE COME FOR ME BECAUSE THEY NEED ME ON THE THRONE. MY FATHER AND MOTHER ARE DEAD NOW...
ATOMIC WORLD! CAP, WHATS AN ATOM?
ITS THE SMALLEST PARTICLE OF MATTER THAT EXISTS!
THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE, NOW SHRUNK TO ABOUT A FOOT HIGH STEALS UP FROM BEHIND...
TOGARO IS READY NOW TO SEIZE MY WORLD. MY FATHER HAD DRUGS MADE THAT MAKE YOU CHANGE SIZE. TOGARO STOLE SOME OF THEM!
SO THAT'S WHAT THE GIANTS WERE! TOGARO'S MEN!
THAT MAN WHO CALLED ON US AND WARNED US --- THAT WAS PROBABLY TOGARO HIMSELF!
YOU KNOW, AHLMA-YOU'RE AWFUL PRETTY!
P-PLEASE PUT ME DOWN! I'LL FALL!
STILL UNNOTICED, THE VILLAINOUS TOGARO HAS TAKEN MORE OF THE DIMINISHING DRUG --- AND CLAMBERS UP TO CAPTAIN AMERICA'S BELT!
YOU'D BETTER TAKE SOME OF THE ENLARGING DRUG AND GET BACK TO NORMAL SIZE!
ALL RIGHT-WE WILL!
MOMENTS LATER, THE GIRLS GROW INTO THE NORMAL SIZE OF THE EARTHWORLD, WHILE THE MINIATURE TOGARO STILL CLINGS TO CAPS BELT!
I ONLY HAVE ONE PELLET OF EACH OF THE DRUGS LEFT!
I'LL ANALYZE THEM, AND MAKE MORE!
IN OLD DR. FERRULE'S LABORATORY, BACK AT THE BUNGALOW, CAPTAIN AMERICA PREPARES TO CREATE MORE OF THE STRANGE DRUGS...
THAT DOES IT! I'LL HAVE THEM IN A FEW MINUTES!
MUCH GOOD IT WILL DO YOU..


TOGARO'S MEN ALSO HAVE THESE DRUGS! THEY CAN GET GIGANTIC AND RUIN THE WORLD!
NOT WHEN WE HAVE THE DRUGS, TOO!
IN A CORNER OF THE ROOM, THE DIABOLIC TOGARO, ONLY AN INCH HIGH, FEEDS THE ENLARGING DRUG TO A PASSING ROACH!
NONE OF YOU WILL EVER LIVE TO OPPOSE ME! --- COME ON, ROACH, EAT THIS!
HERE'S YOUR SHARE, FRANK!
IF NO GIANTS APPEAR, WON'T YOU COME DOWN INTO MY WORLD, CAPTAIN? MY PEOPLE NEED YOU!
AND WE'LL TAKE BUCKY WITH US?
SUDDENLY BUCKY SPOTS A NEW DANGER ---
C-CAP! GOLLY, CAP-- LOOK!
THE ROACH, NOW GROWN TO GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS, GLARES AT THE STARTLED GROUP!
THAT LOOKS LIKE TOGARO'S WORK!
QUICK AS A FLASH, CAP AND BUCKY SPRING INTO ACTION!
HOW'S THAT ONE, YOU OVERGROWN VERMIN!
AND HERE'S ANOTHER!
ATTA BOY, CAP!
BUT THE BATTERED ROACH STILL KEEPS GROWING.....
IT'S STILL GROWING, WE'LL NEVER KILL IT!
KEEP AWAY! ALL OF YOU!
HA! HA! HA!


A CONCERTED ATTACK FINALLY FELLS THE GIGANTIC ROACH!
OKAY, BOYS-- GIVE IT TO HIM!
WE GOT IT, NOW! IT'S ABOUT FINISHED!
SUDDENLY!
THERE HE GOES CAP! TOGARO-- LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM!
FRANTICALLY, TRYING TO ESCAPE, TOGARO DASHES BETWEEN SOME JUGS OF CHEMICALS...
HE'S GETTING SMALLER!
GRAB 'IM, CAP!
THERE HE GOES! ALONG THE BASEBOARD! YOU CAN BARELY SEE HIM!
I'VE GOT THE DRUGS NOW! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!
TAKE ME WITH YOU, PLEASE CAP! LET ME HAVE SOME OF THOSE DRUGS!
HE'S GONE! HE'S JUST DWINDLED INTO SMALLNESS!
AFTER TAKING THE DRUG, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY RAPIDLY GROW SMALLER AND SMALLER....
CAREFUL-- DON'T MOVE AROUND! YOU MIGHT STEP ON US!
KEEP WATCH-- WE'LL BE BACK RIGHT ABOUT HERE!
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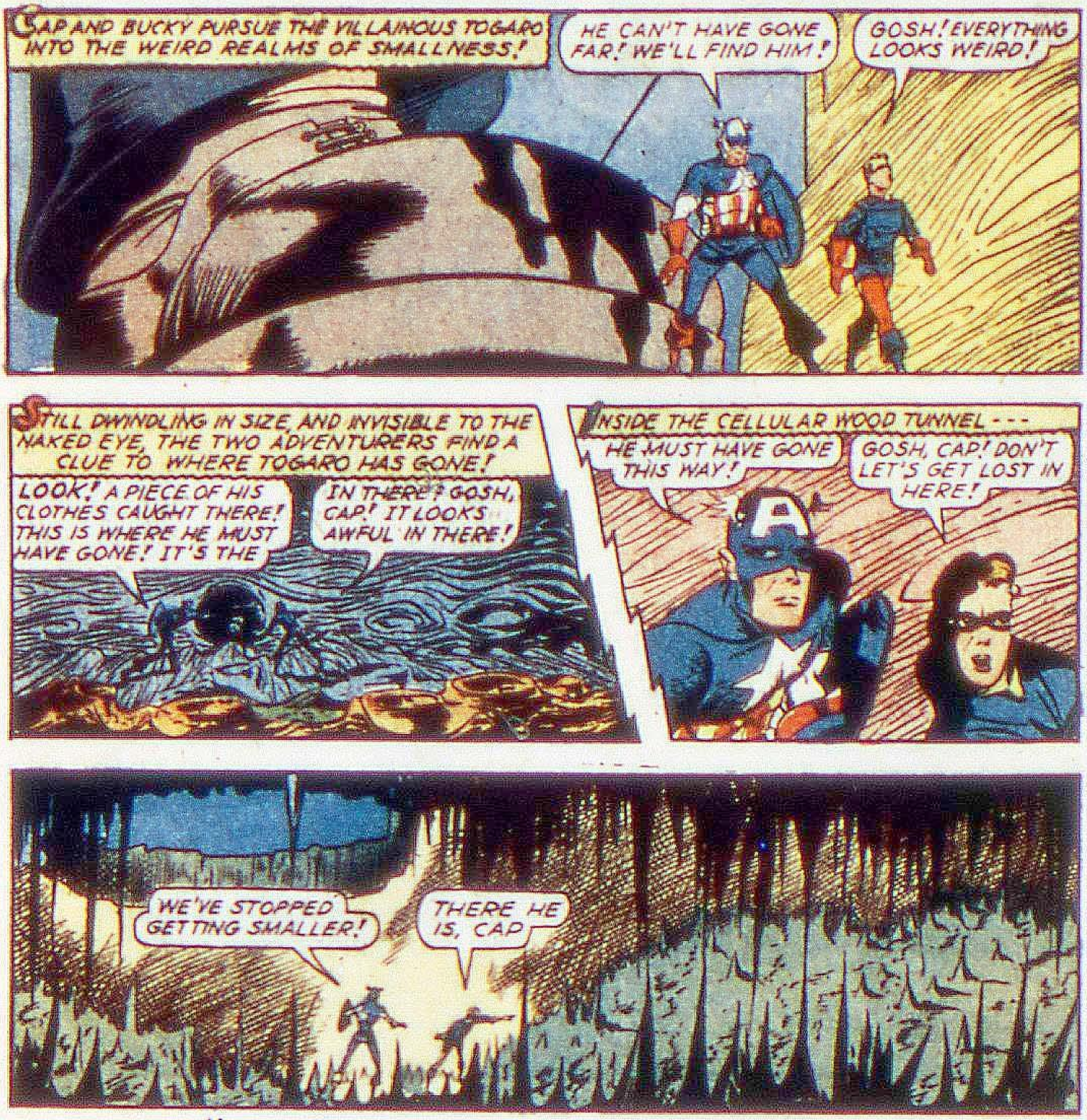
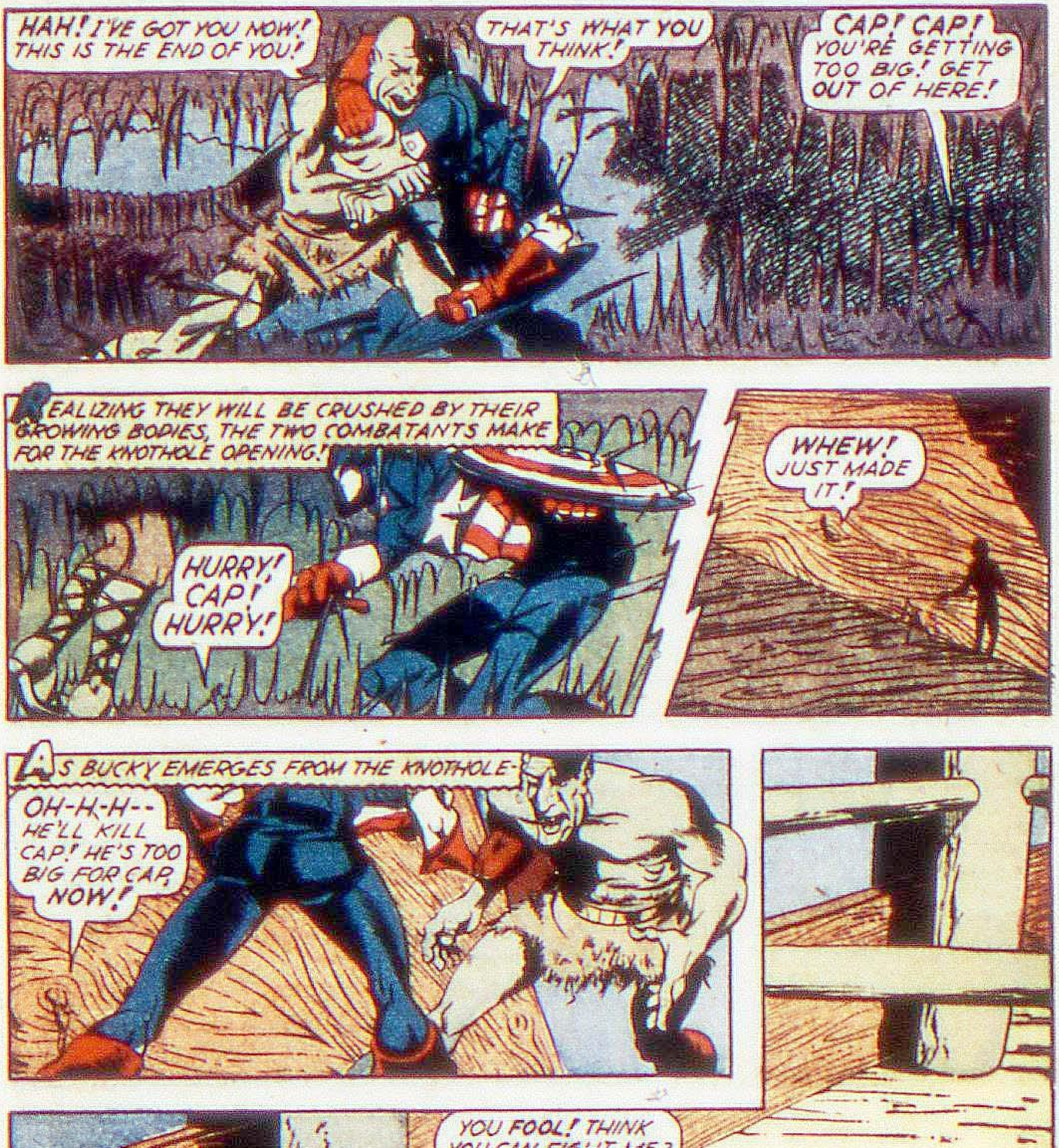
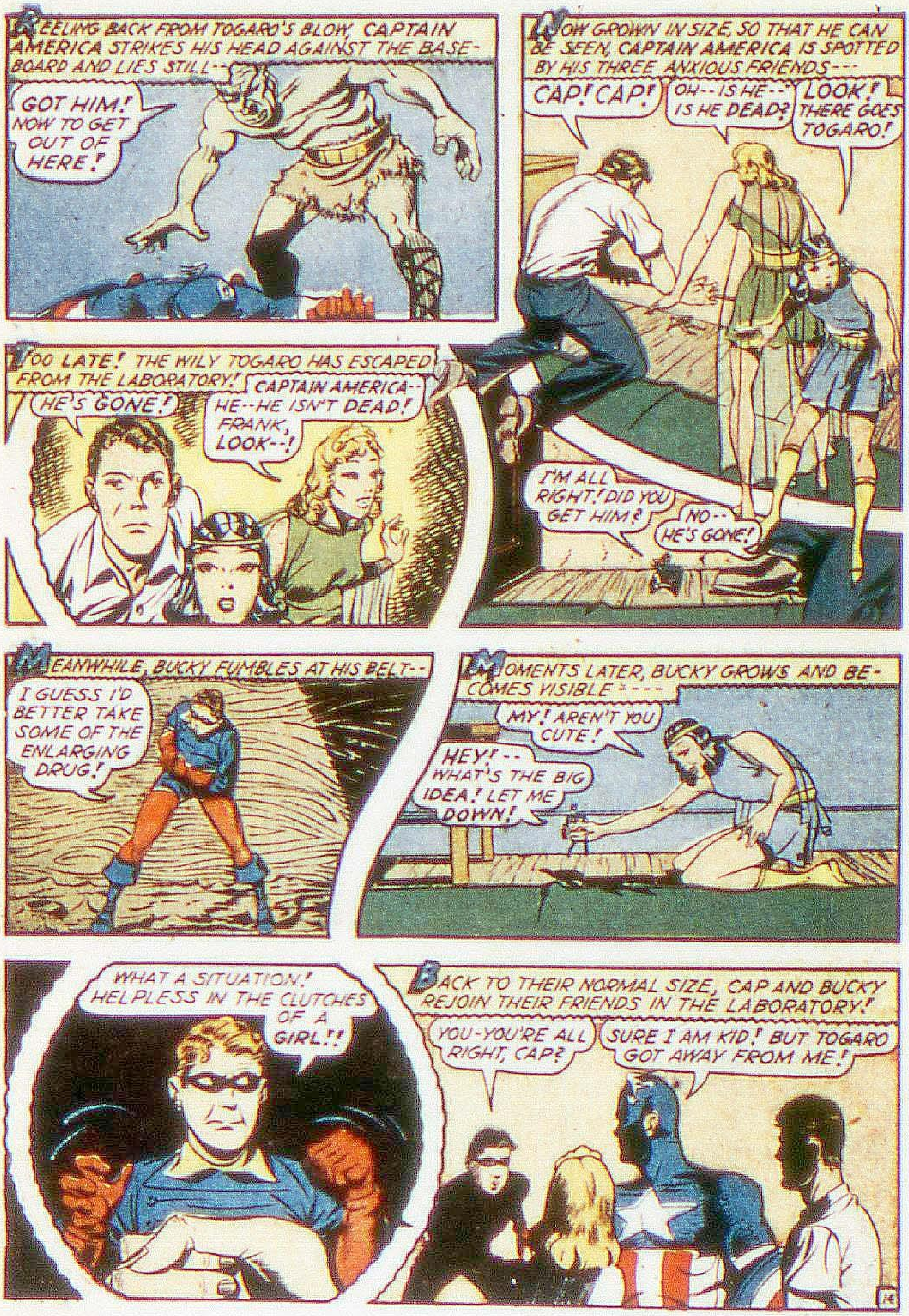

CAP AND BUCKY PURSUE THE VILLAINOUS TOGARO INTO THE WEIRD REALMS OF SMALLNESS!
HE CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR! WE'LL FIND HIM!
GOSH! EVERYTHING LOOKS WEIRD!
STILL DWINDLING IN SIZE, AND INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE, THE TWO ADVENTURERS FIND A CLUE TO WHERE TOGARO HAS GONE!
LOOK! A PIECE OF HIS CLOTHES CAUGHT THERE! THIS IS WHERE HE MUST HAVE GONE! IT'S THE
IN THERE? GOSH, CAP! IT LOOKS AWFUL IN THERE!
INSIDE THE CELLULAR WOOD TUNNEL---
HE MUST HAVE GONE THIS WAY!
GOSH, CAP! DON'T LET'S GET LOST IN HERE!
WE'VE STOPPED GETTING SMALLER!
THERE HE IS, CAP
HE'S TAKEN THE ENLARGING DRUG! HE'S GETTING BIGGER, CAP! LOOK OUT!
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME! KEEP AWAY, BUCKY! CROUCH DOWN!
ENLARGING GIANTS, FIGHTING TO THE DEATH, IN THE CELLULAR STRUCTURE OF A PARTICLE OF WOOD!


HAH! I'VE GOT YOU NOW! THIS IS THE END OF YOU!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
CAP! CAP! YOU'RE GETTING TOO BIG! GET OUT OF HERE!
REALIZING THEY WILL BE CRUSHED BY THEIR GROWING BODIES, THE TWO COMBATANTS MAKE FOR THE KNOTHOLE OPENING!
HURRY! CAP! HURRY!
WHEW! JUST MADE IT!
AS BUCKY EMERGES FROM THE KNOTHOLE-
OH-H-H-- HE'LL KILL CAP! HE'S TOO BIG FOR CAP, NOW!
YOU FOOL! THINK YOU CAN FIGHT ME? TAKE THAT ONE!


REELING BACK FROM TOGARO'S BLOW, CAPTAIN AMERICA STRIKES HIS HEAD AGAINST THE BASE-BOARD AND LIES STILL--
GOT HIM! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!
NOW GROWN IN SIZE, SO THAT HE CAN BE SEEN, CAPTAIN AMERICA IS SPOTTED BY HIS THREE ANXIOUS FRIENDS---
CAP! CAP!
OH--IS HE--IS HE DEAD?
LOOK! THERE GOES TOGARO!
I'M ALL RIGHT! DID YOU GET HIM?
NO--HE'S GONE!
TOO LATE! THE WILY TOGARO HAS ESCAPED FROM THE LABORATORY!
HE'S GONE!
CAPTAIN AMERICA--HE--HE ISN'T DEAD! FRANK, LOOK--!
MEANWHILE, BUCKY FUMBLES AT HIS BELT--
I GUESS I'D BETTER TAKE SOME OF THE ENLARGING DRUG!
MOMENTS LATER, BUCKY GROWS AND BECOMES VISIBLE---
MY! AREN'T YOU CUTE!
HEY!--WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA! LET ME DOWN!
WHAT A SITUATION! HELPLESS IN THE CLUTCHES OF A GIRL!!
BACK TO THEIR NORMAL SIZE, CAP AND BUCKY REJOIN THEIR FRIENDS IN THE LABORATORY!
YOU-YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, CAP?
SURE I AM KID! BUT TOGARO GOT AWAY FROM ME!
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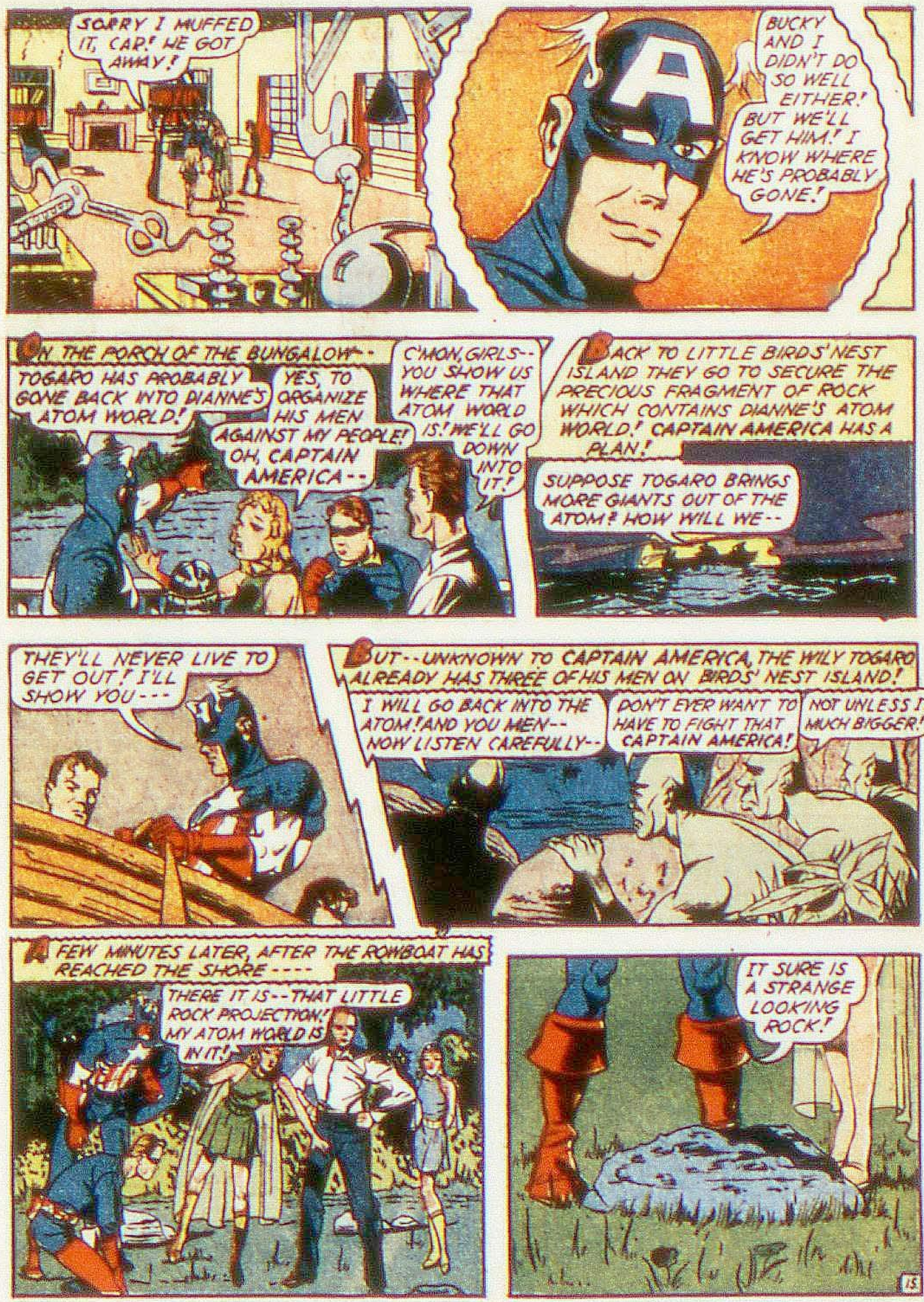
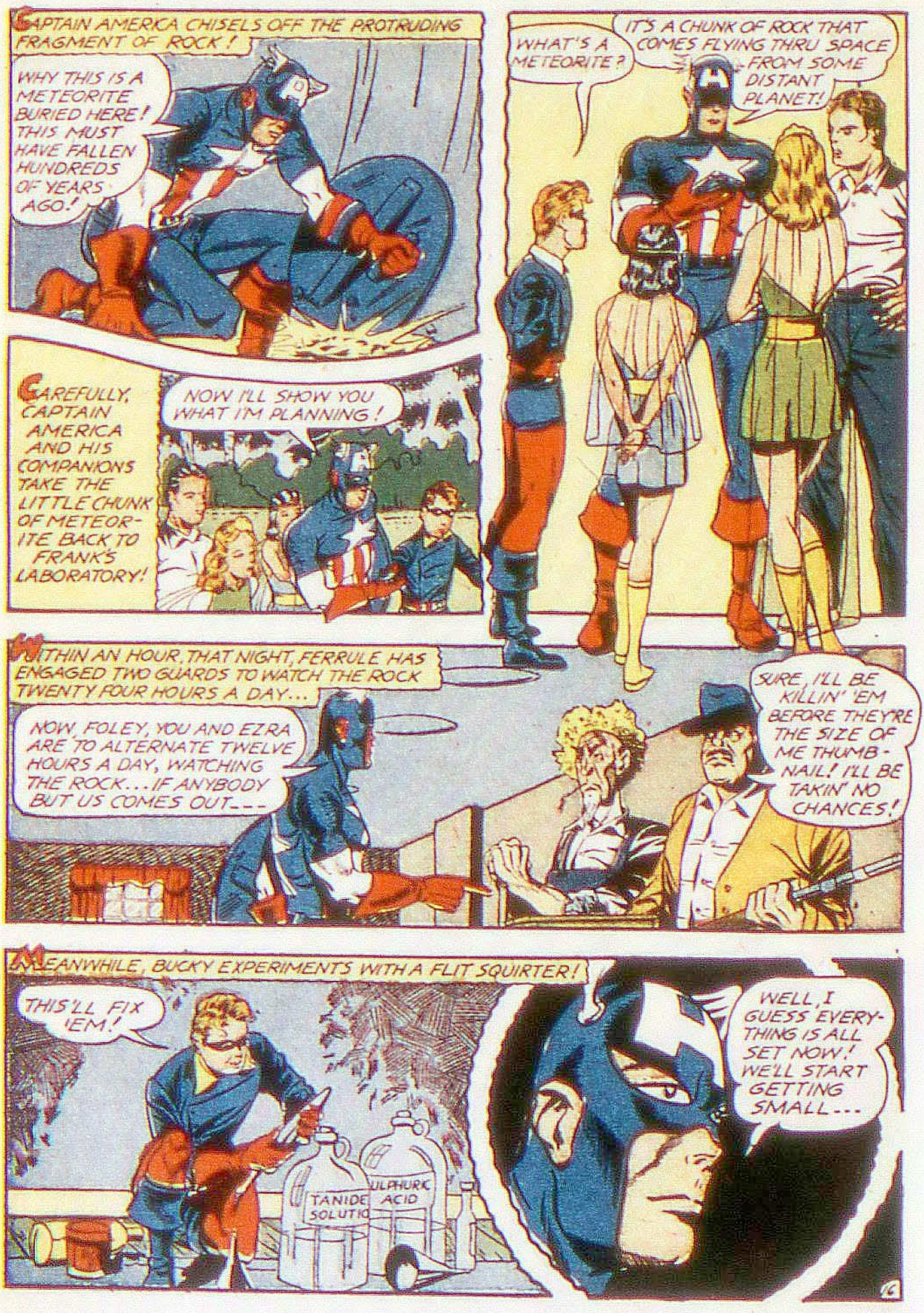
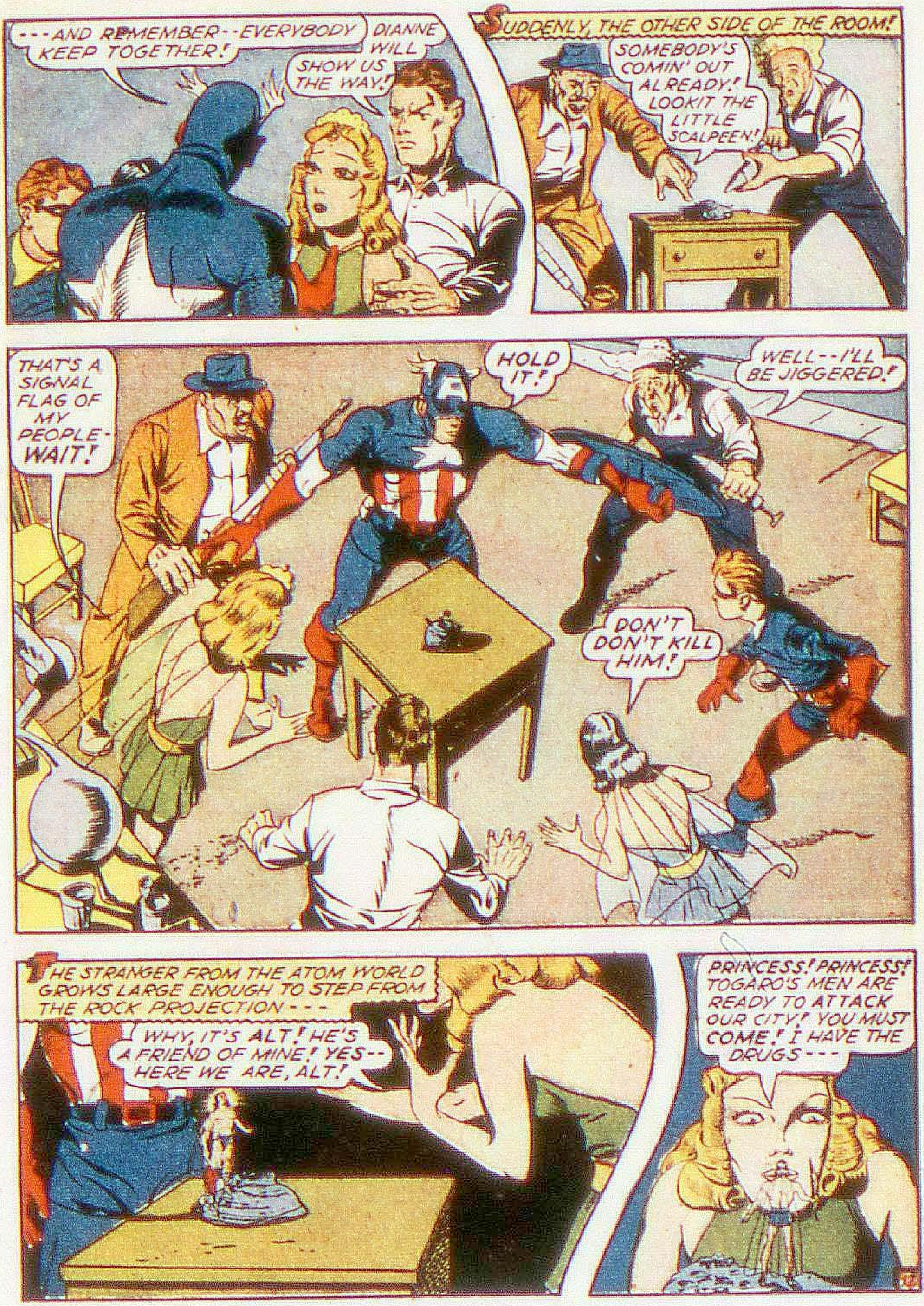
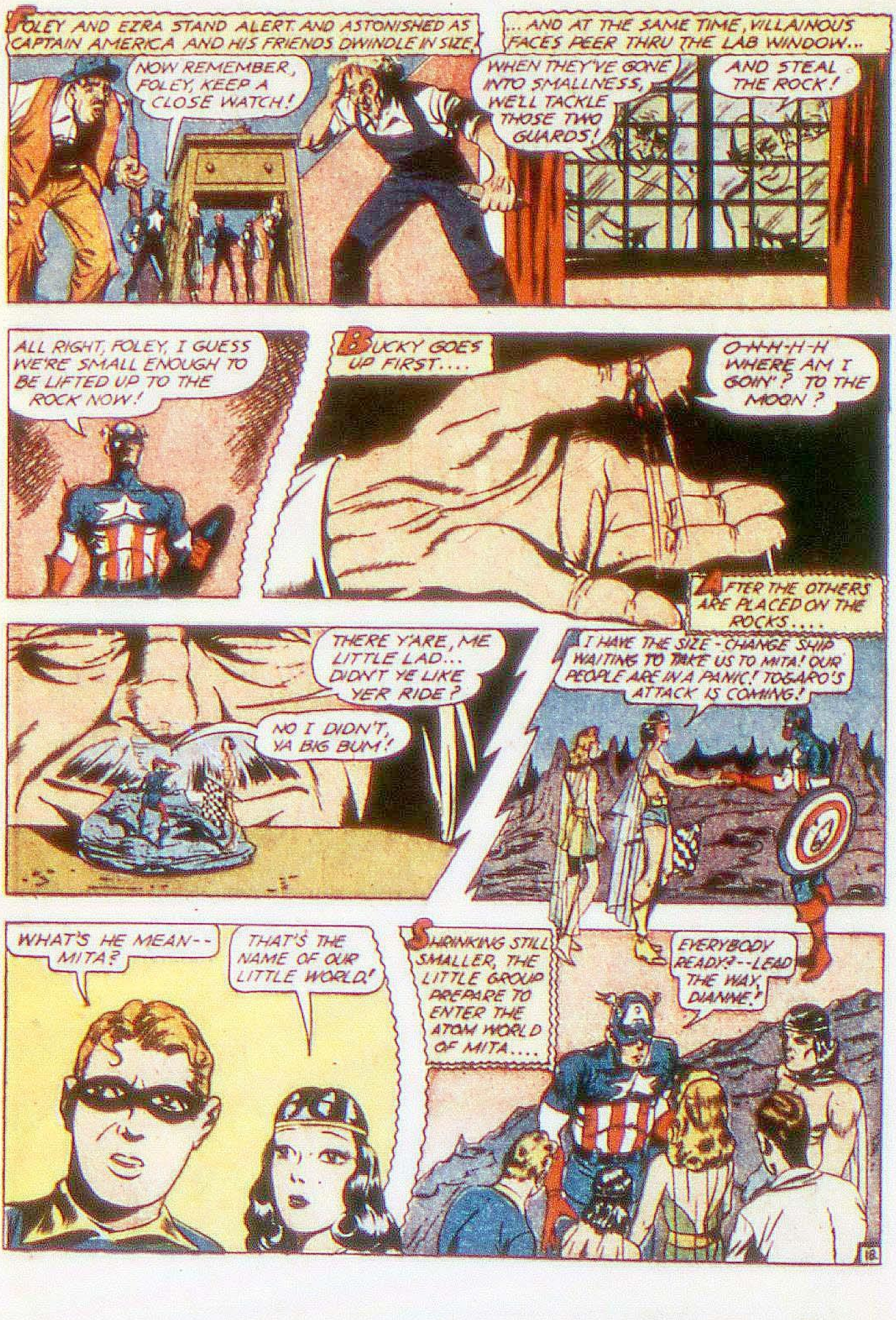
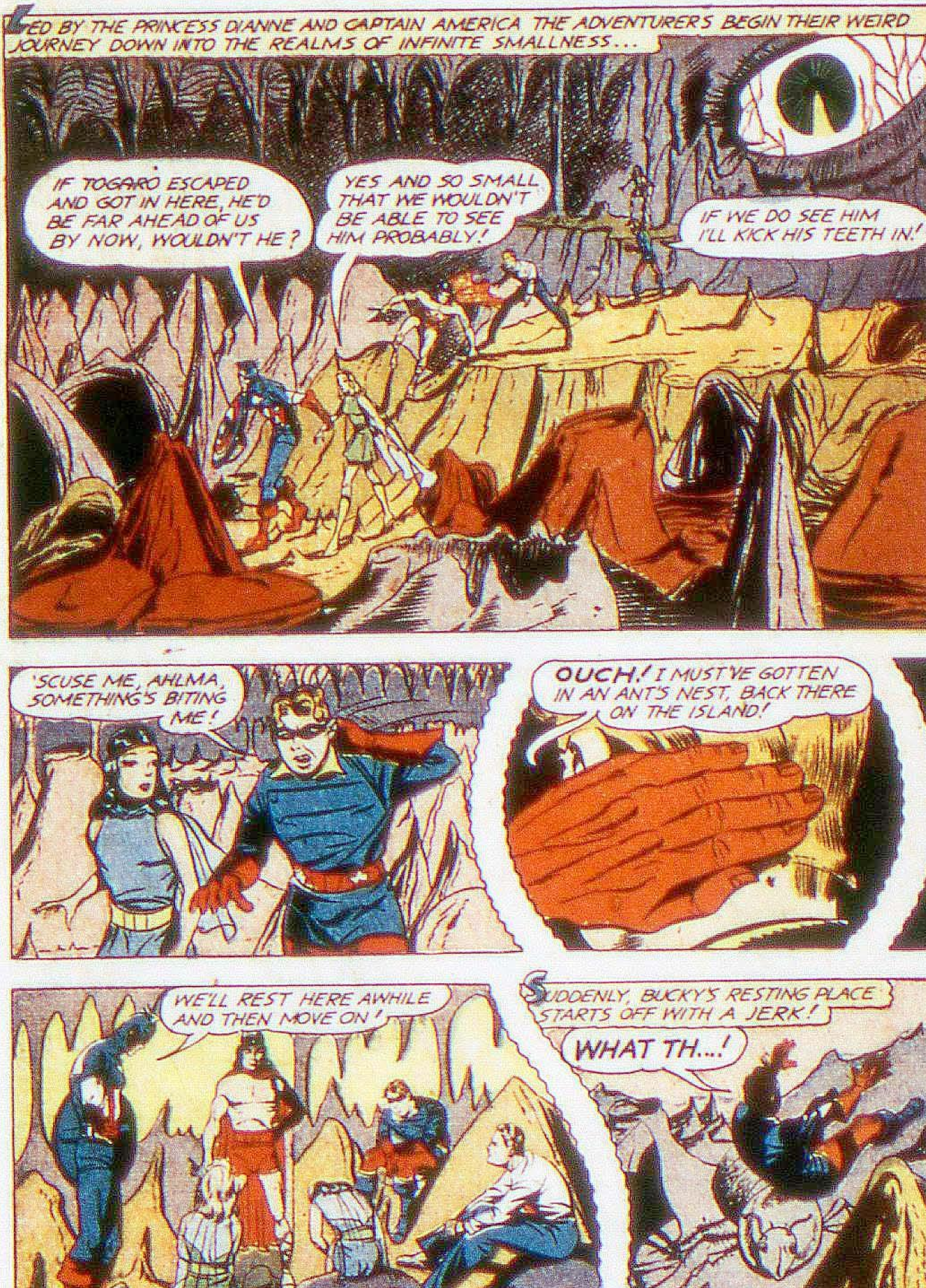

SORRY I MUFFED IT, CAP! HE GOT AWAY!
BUCKY AND I DIDN'T DO SO WELL EITHER! BUT WE'LL GET HIM! I KNOW WHERE HE'S PROBABLY GONE!
ON THE PORCH OF THE BUNGALOW--
TOGARO HAS PROBABLY GONE BACK INTO DIANNE'S ATOM WORLD!
YES, TO ORGANIZE HIS MEN AGAINST MY PEOPLE! OH, CAPTAIN AMERICA--
C'MON, GIRLS--YOU SHOW US WHERE THAT ATOM WORLD IS! WE'LL GO DOWN INTO IT!
BACK TO LITTLE BIRDS' NEST ISLAND THEY GO TO SECURE THE PRECIOUS FRAGMENT OF ROCK WHICH CONTAINS DIANNE'S ATOM WORLD! CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS A PLAN!
SUPPOSE TOGARO BRINGS MORE GIANTS OUT OF THE ATOM? HOW WILL WE--
THEY'LL NEVER LIVE TO GET OUT! I'LL SHOW YOU---
BUT--UNKNOWN TO CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE WILY TOGARO ALREADY HAS THREE OF HIS MEN ON BIRDS' NEST ISLAND!
I WILL GO BACK INTO THE ATOM! AND YOU MEN--NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY--
DON'T EVER WANT TO HAVE TO FIGHT THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA!
NOT UNLESS I'M MUCH BIGGER!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, AFTER THE ROWBOAT HAS REACHED THE SHORE----
THERE IT IS--THAT LITTLE ROCK PROJECTION! MY ATOM WORLD IS IN IT!
IT SURE IS A STRANGE LOOKING ROCK!


CAPTAIN AMERICA CHISELS OFF THE PROTRUDING FRAGMENT OF ROCK!
WHY THIS IS A METEORITE BURIED HERE! THIS MUST HAVE FALLEN HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO!
WHAT'S A METEORITE?
IT'S A CHUNK OF ROCK THAT COMES FLYING THRU SPACE FROM SOME DISTANT PLANET!
CAREFULLY, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND HIS COMPANIONS TAKE THE LITTLE CHUNK OF METEORITE BACK TO FRANK'S LABORATORY!
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'M PLANNING!
WITHIN AN HOUR, THAT NIGHT, FERRULE HAS ENGAGED TWO GUARDS TO WATCH THE ROCK TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY...
NOW, FOLEY, YOU AND EZRA ARE TO ALTERNATE TWELVE HOURS A DAY, WATCHING THE ROCK... IF ANYBODY BUT US COMES OUT---
SURE, I'LL BE KILLIN' 'EM BEFORE THEY'RE THE SIZE OF ME THUMB-NAIL! I'LL BE TAKIN' NO CHANCES!
MEANWHILE, BUCKY EXPERIMENTS WITH A FLIT SQUIRTER!
THIS'LL FIX 'EM!
TANIDE SOLUTIO
ULPHURIC ACID
WELL, I GUESS EVERYTHING IS ALL SET NOW! WE'LL START GETTING SMALL...


- - - AND REMEMBER - - EVERYBODY KEEP TOGETHER!
DIANNE WILL SHOW US THE WAY!
SUDDENLY, THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM!
SOMEBODY'S COMIN' OUT ALREADY! LOOKIT THE LITTLE SCALPEEN!
THAT'S A SIGNAL FLAG OF MY PEOPLE - WAIT!
HOLD IT!
WELL - - I'LL BE JIGGERED!
DON'T DON'T KILL HIM!
THE STRANGER FROM THE ATOM WORLD GROWS LARGE ENOUGH TO STEP FROM THE ROCK PROJECTION - - -
WHY, IT'S ALT! HE'S A FRIEND OF MINE! YES - - HERE WE ARE, ALT!
PRINCESS! PRINCESS! TOGARO'S MEN ARE READY TO ATTACK OUR CITY! YOU MUST COME! I HAVE THE DRUGS - - -


FOLEY AND EZRA STAND ALERT AND ASTONISHED AS CAPTAIN AMERICA AND HIS FRIENDS DWINDLE IN SIZE.
NOW REMEMBER, FOLEY, KEEP A CLOSE WATCH!
... AND AT THE SAME TIME, VILLAINOUS FACES PEER THRU THE LAB WINDOW...
WHEN THEY'VE GONE INTO SMALLNESS, WE'LL TACKLE THOSE TWO GUARDS!
AND STEAL THE ROCK!
ALL RIGHT, FOLEY, I GUESS WE'RE SMALL ENOUGH TO BE LIFTED UP TO THE ROCK NOW!
BUCKY GOES UP FIRST....
O-H-H-H-H WHERE AM I GOIN'? TO THE MOON?
AFTER THE OTHERS ARE PLACED ON THE ROCKS....
THERE Y'ARE, ME LITTLE LAD... DIDN'T YE LIKE YER RIDE?
NO I DIDN'T, YA BIG BUM!
I HAVE THE SIZE-CHANGE SHIP WAITING TO TAKE US TO MITA! OUR PEOPLE ARE IN A PANIC! TOGARO'S ATTACK IS COMING!
WHAT'S HE MEAN-- MITA?
THAT'S THE NAME OF OUR LITTLE WORLD!
SHRINKING STILL SMALLER, THE LITTLE GROUP PREPARE TO ENTER THE ATOM WORLD OF MITA....
EVERYBODY READY?--LEAD THE WAY, DIANNE!


LED BY THE PRINCESS DIANNE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA THE ADVENTURERS BEGIN THEIR WEIRD JOURNEY DOWN INTO THE REALMS OF INFINITE SMALLNESS...
IF TOGARO ESCAPED AND GOT IN HERE, HE'D BE FAR AHEAD OF US BY NOW, WOULDN'T HE?
YES AND SO SMALL THAT WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM PROBABLY!
IF WE DO SEE HIM I'LL KICK HIS TEETH IN!
'SCUSE ME, AHLMA, SOMETHING'S BITING ME!
OUCH! I MUST'VE GOTTEN IN AN ANT'S NEST, BACK THERE ON THE ISLAND!
WE'LL REST HERE AWHILE AND THEN MOVE ON!
SUDDENLY, BUCKY'S RESTING PLACE STARTS OFF WITH A JERK!
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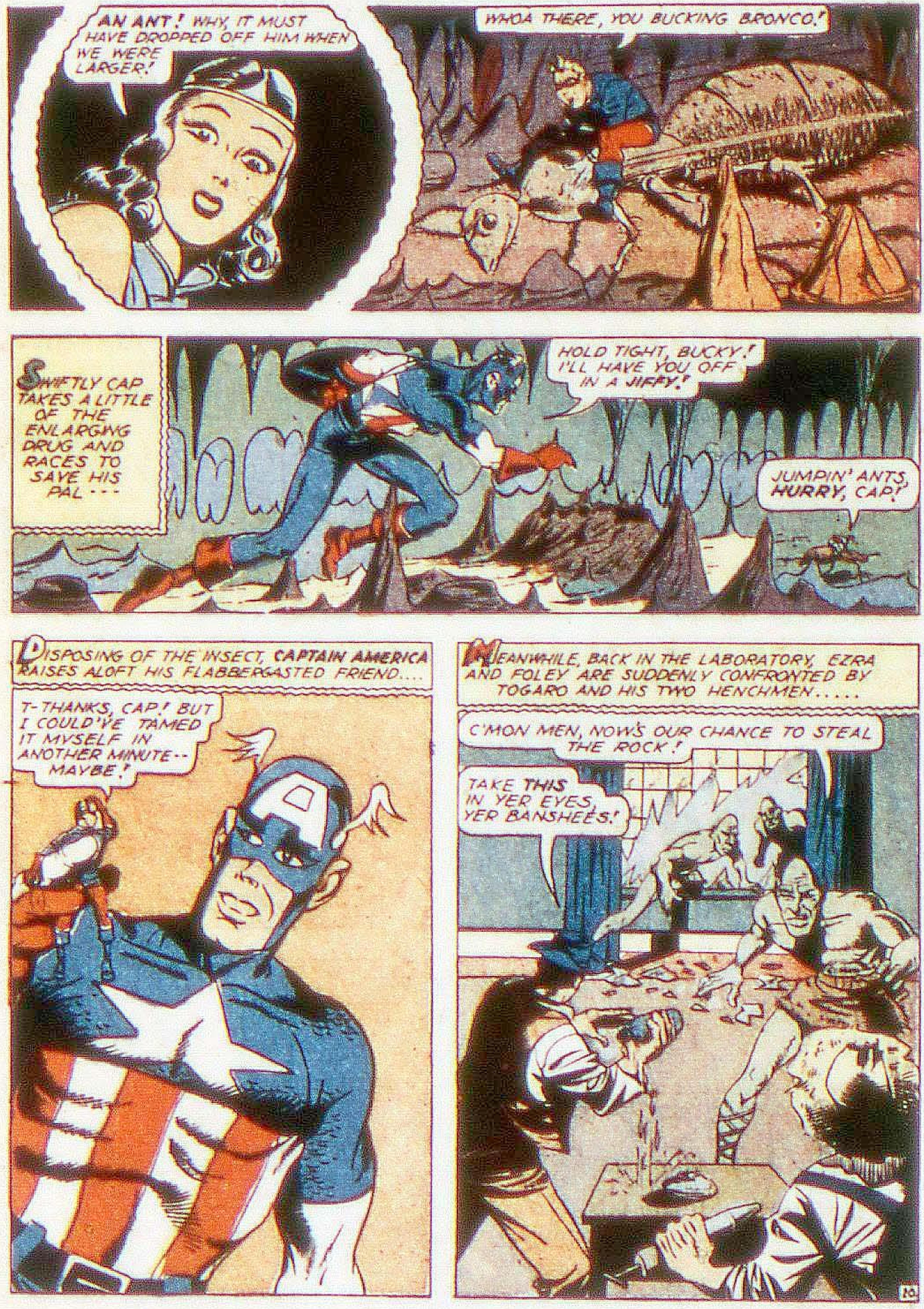
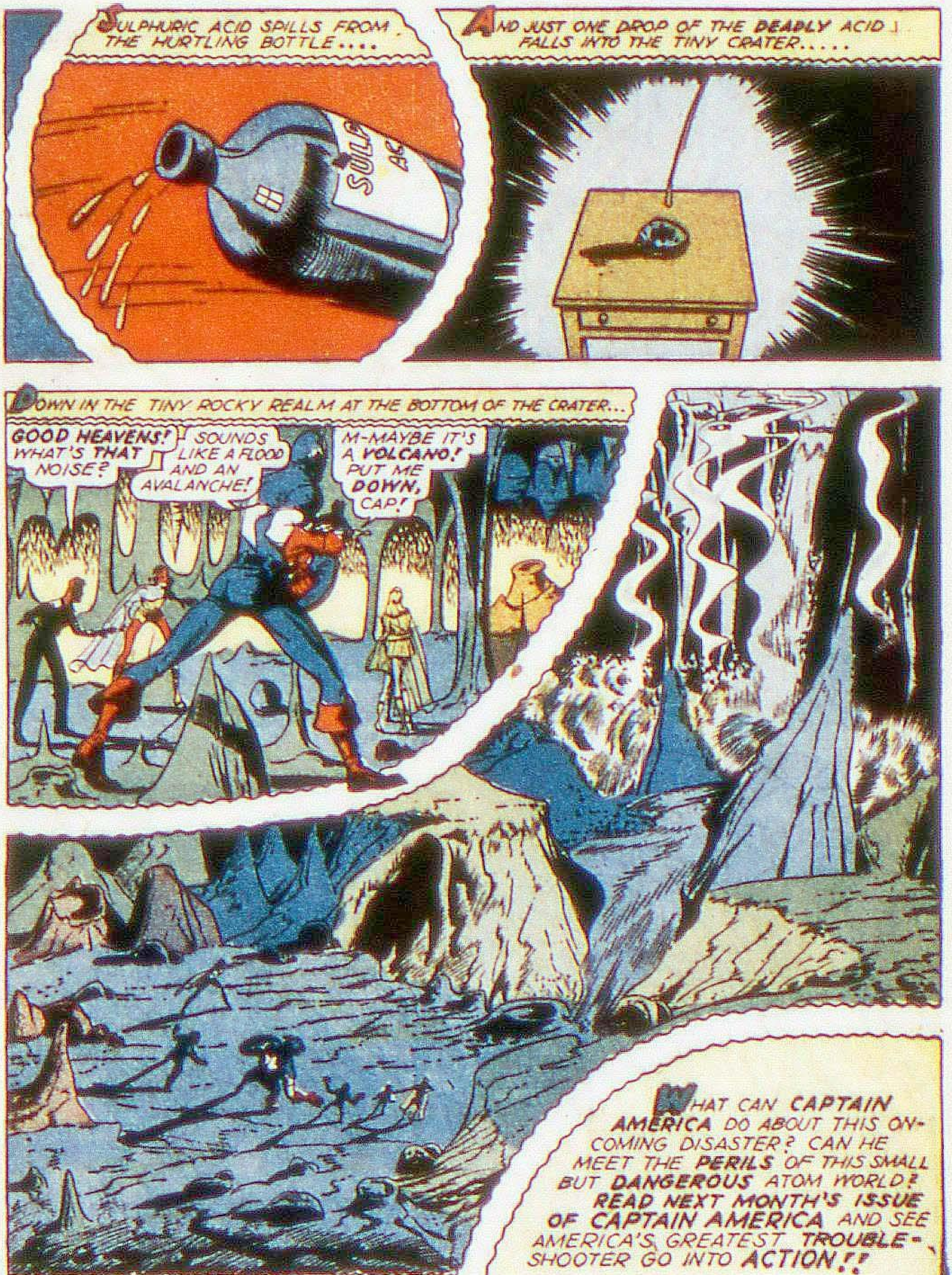
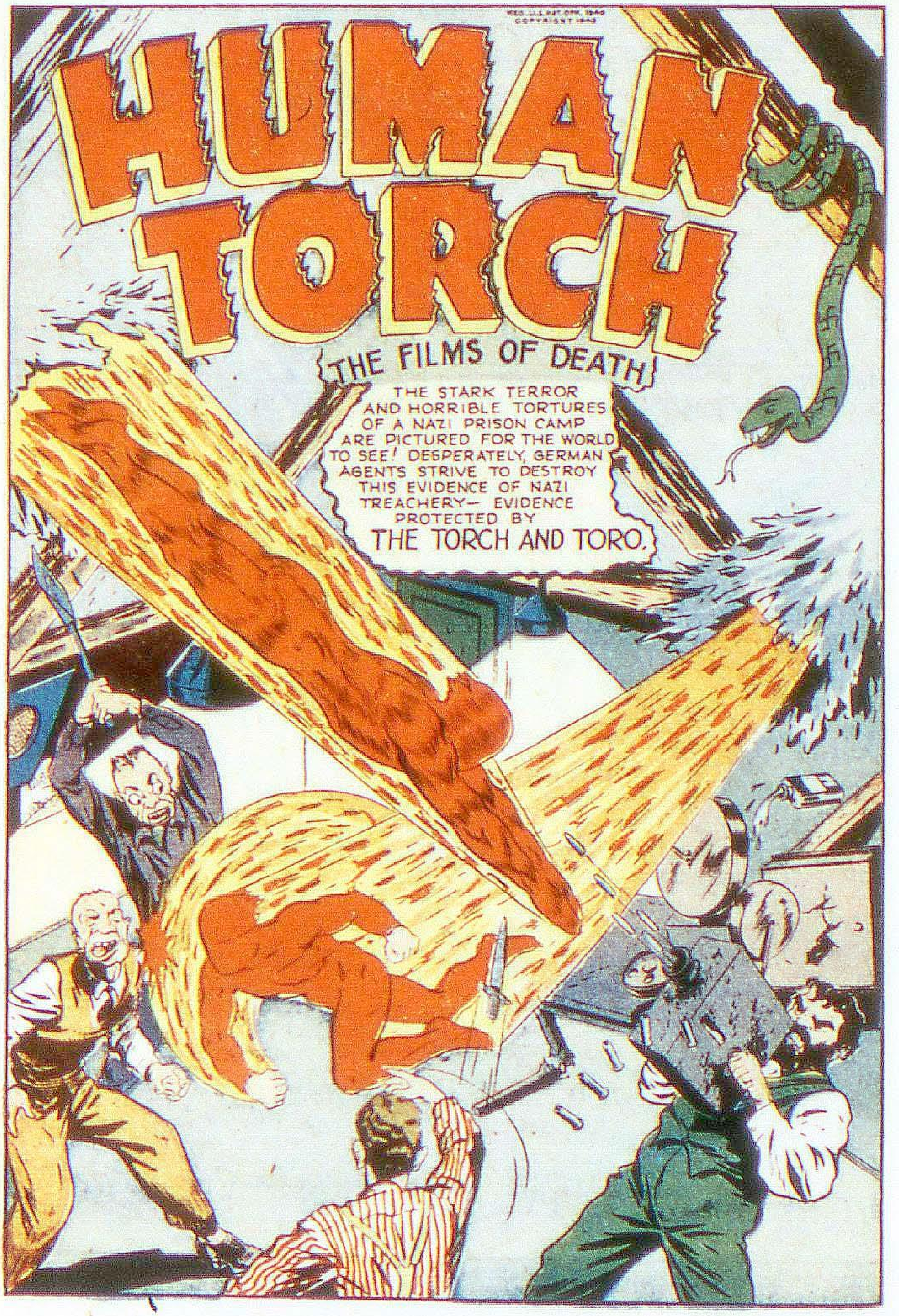

AN ANT! WHY, IT MUST HAVE DROPPED OFF HIM WHEN WE WERE LARGER!
WHOA THERE, YOU BUCKING BRONCO!
SWIFTLY CAP TAKES A LITTLE OF THE ENLARGING DRUG AND RACES TO SAVE HIS PAL---
HOLD TIGHT, BUCKY! I'LL HAVE YOU OFF IN A JIFFY!
JUMPIN' ANTS, HURRY, CAP!
DISPOSING OF THE INSECT, CAPTAIN AMERICA RAISES ALOFT HIS FLABBERGASTED FRIEND....
T-THANKS, CAP! BUT I COULD'VE TAMED IT MYSELF IN ANOTHER MINUTE-- MAYBE!
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE LABORATORY, EZRA AND FOLEY ARE SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY TOGARO AND HIS TWO HENCHMEN.....
C'MON MEN, NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO STEAL THE ROCK!
TAKE THIS IN YER EYES, YER BANSHEES!


SULPHURIC ACID SPILLS FROM THE HURTLING BOTTLE....
SULP AC
AND JUST ONE DROP OF THE DEADLY ACID FALLS INTO THE TINY CRATER....
DOWN IN THE TINY ROCKY REALM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER...
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
SOUNDS LIKE A FLOOD AND AN AVALANCHE!
M-MAYBE IT'S A VOLCANO! PUT ME DOWN, CAP!
A SINGLE DROP OF THE HORRIBLE ACID! BUT DOWN HERE IN SMALLNESS, IT IS A RUSHING, ROCK-EATING TORRENT OF DEATH!
WHAT CAN CAPTAIN AMERICA DO ABOUT THIS ON-COMING DISASTER? CAN HE MEET THE PERILS OF THIS SMALL BUT DANGEROUS ATOM WORLD? READ NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AND SEE AMERICA'S GREATEST TROUBLE-SHOOTER GO INTO ACTION!!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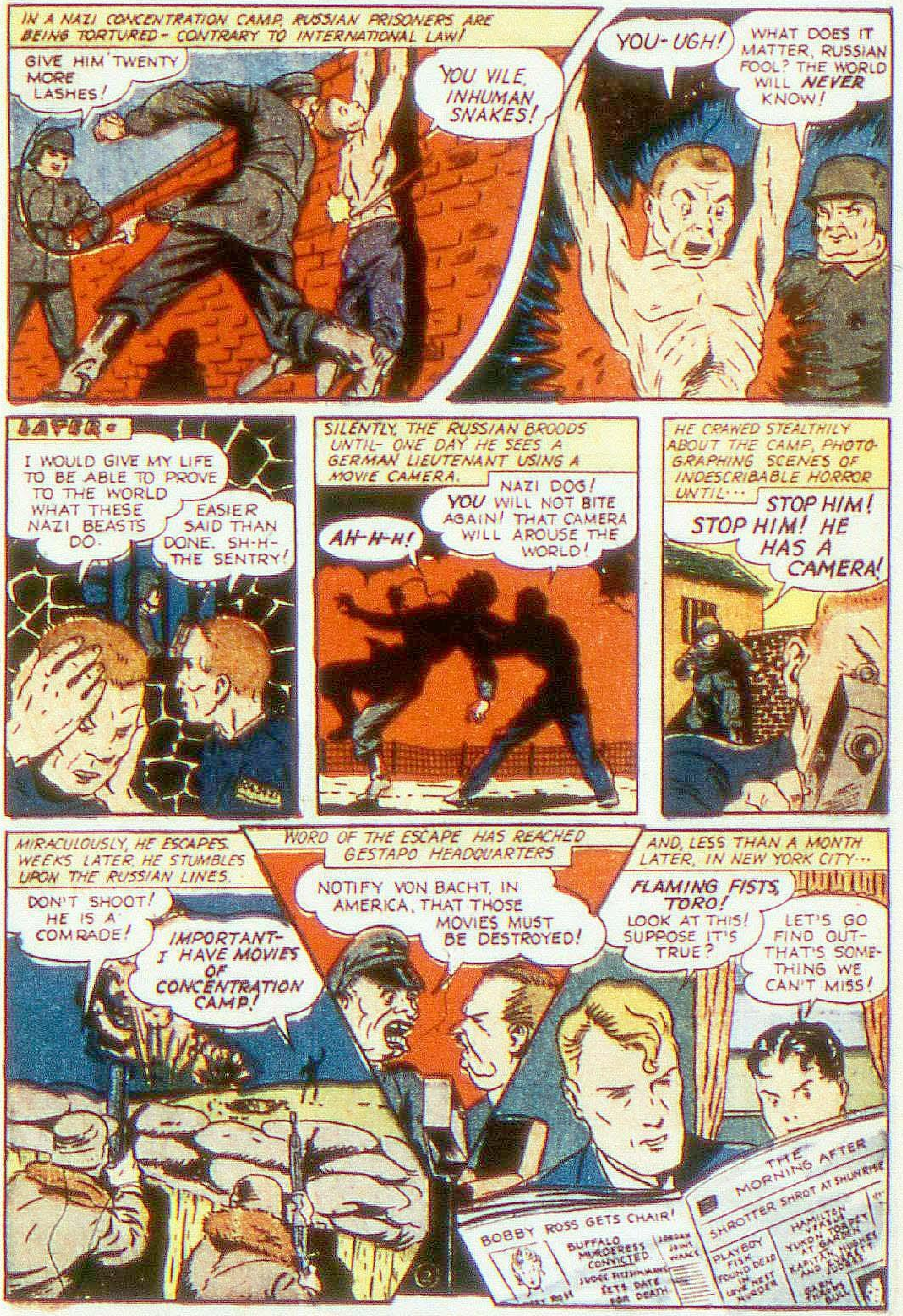
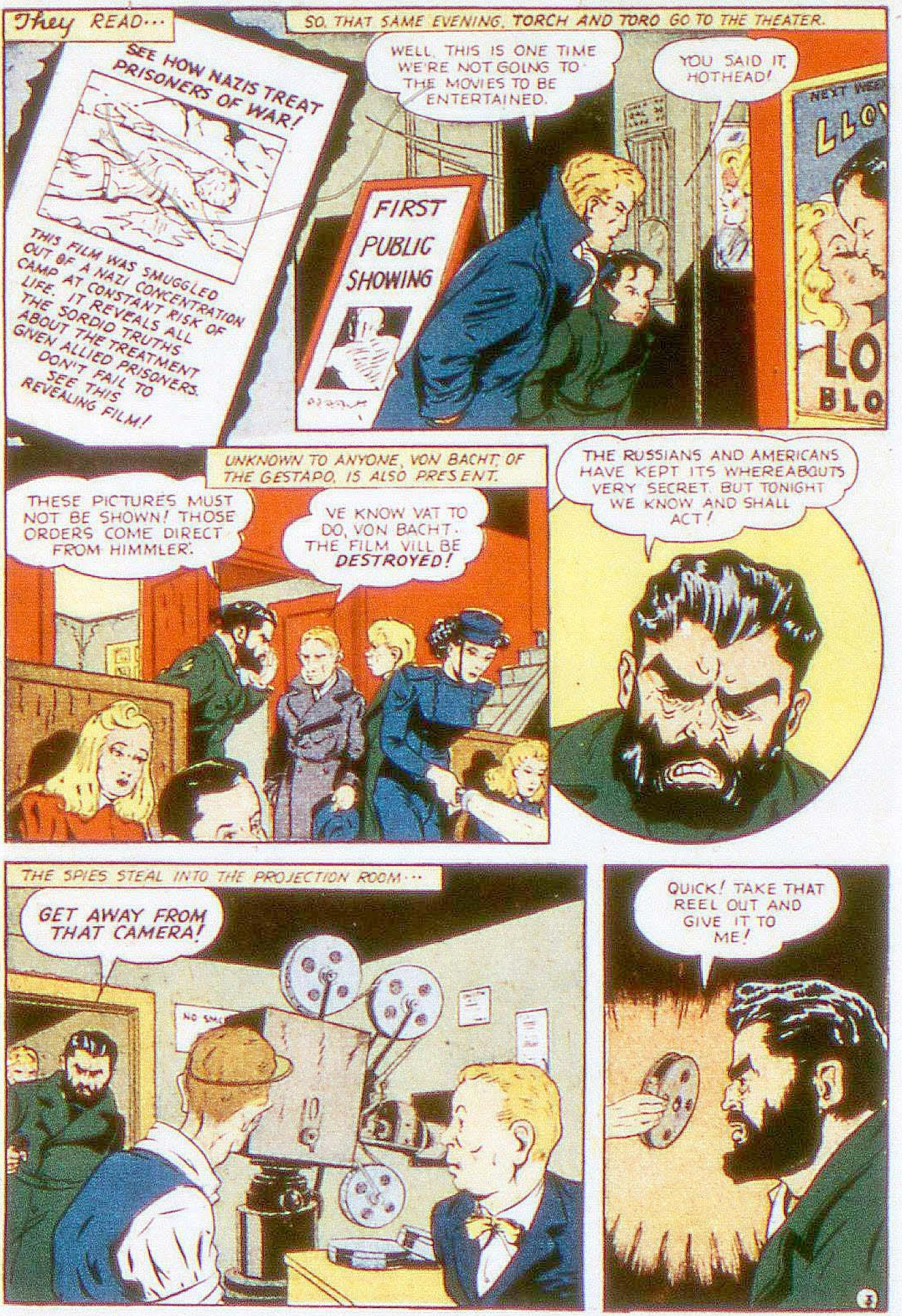
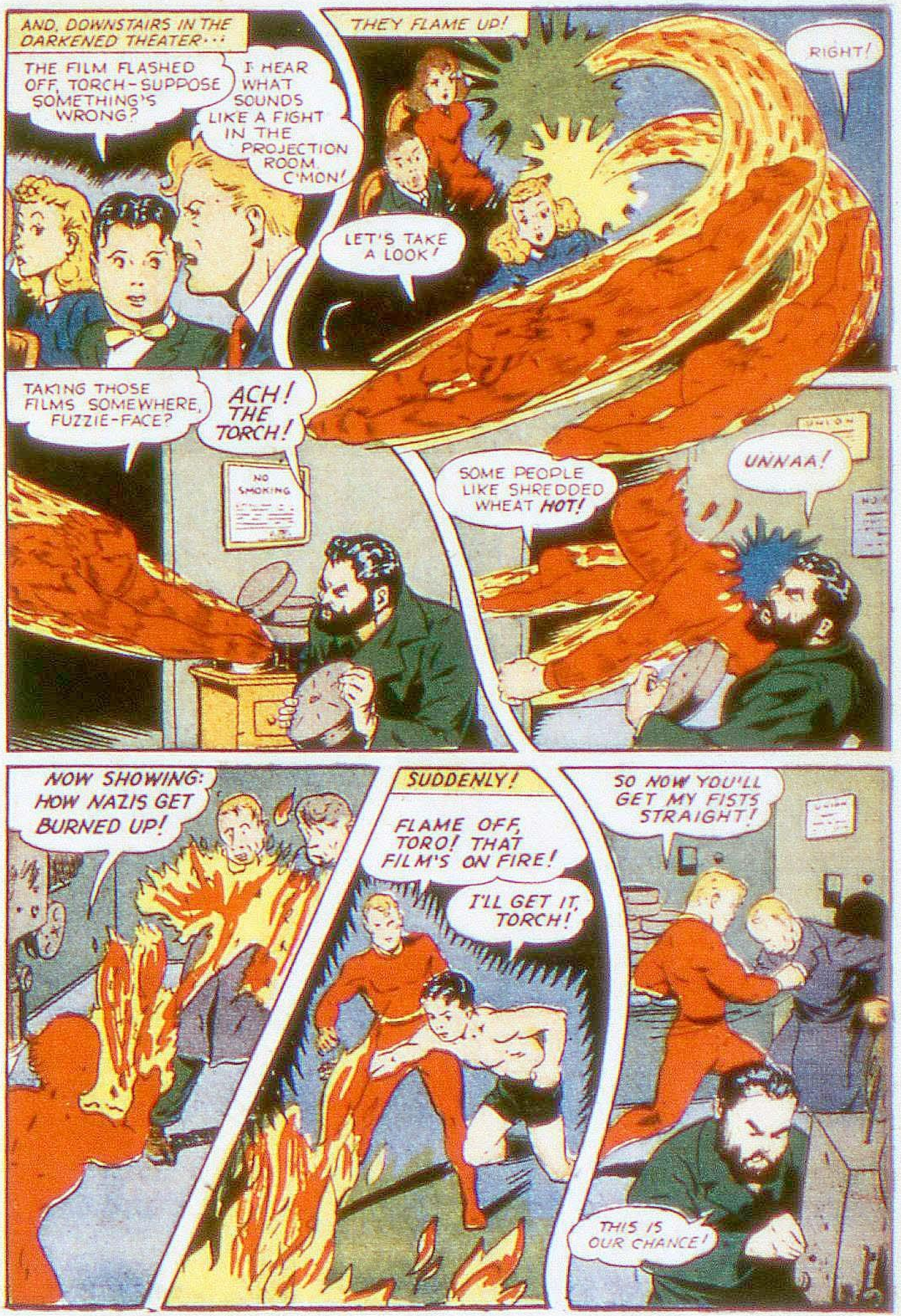
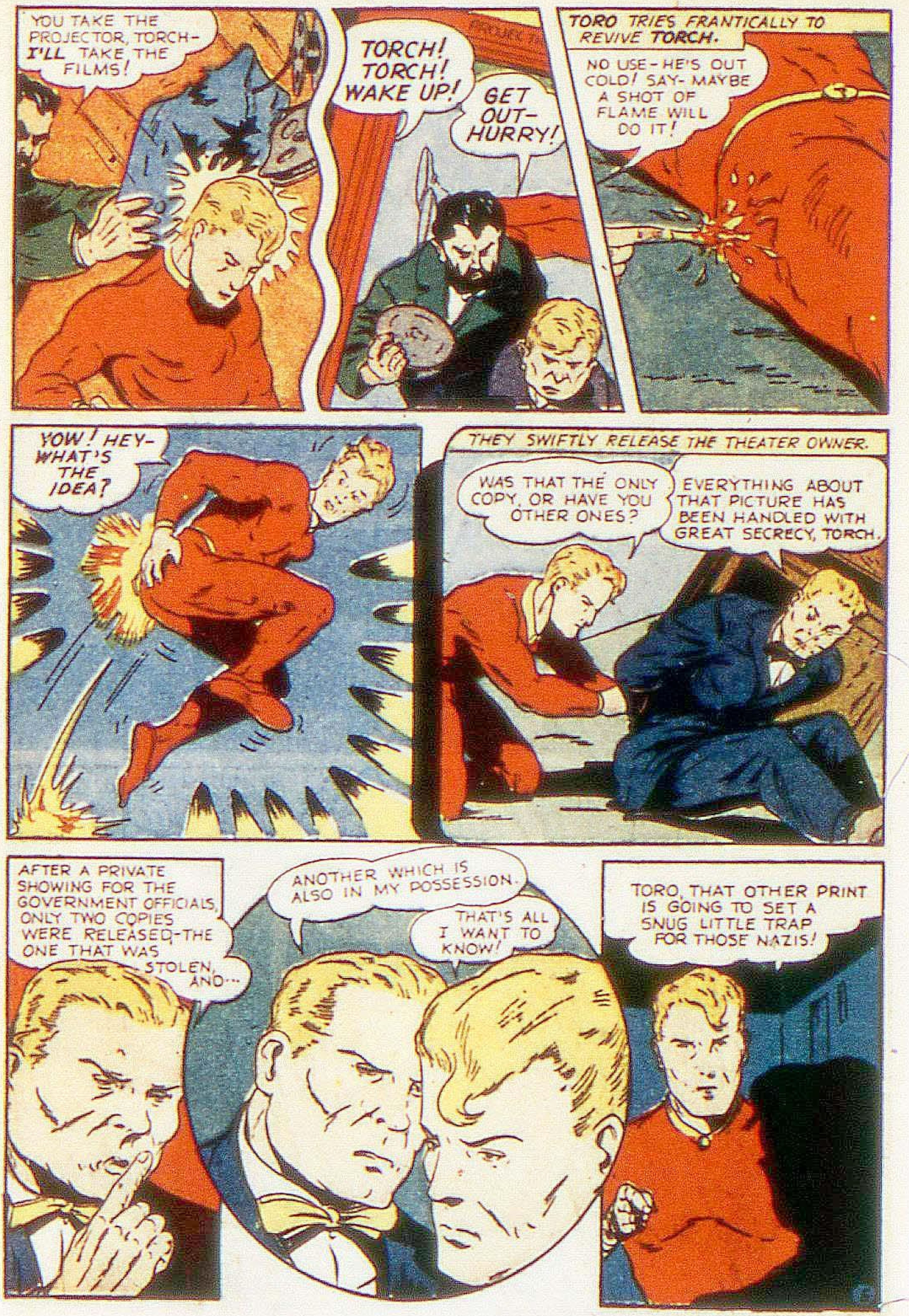
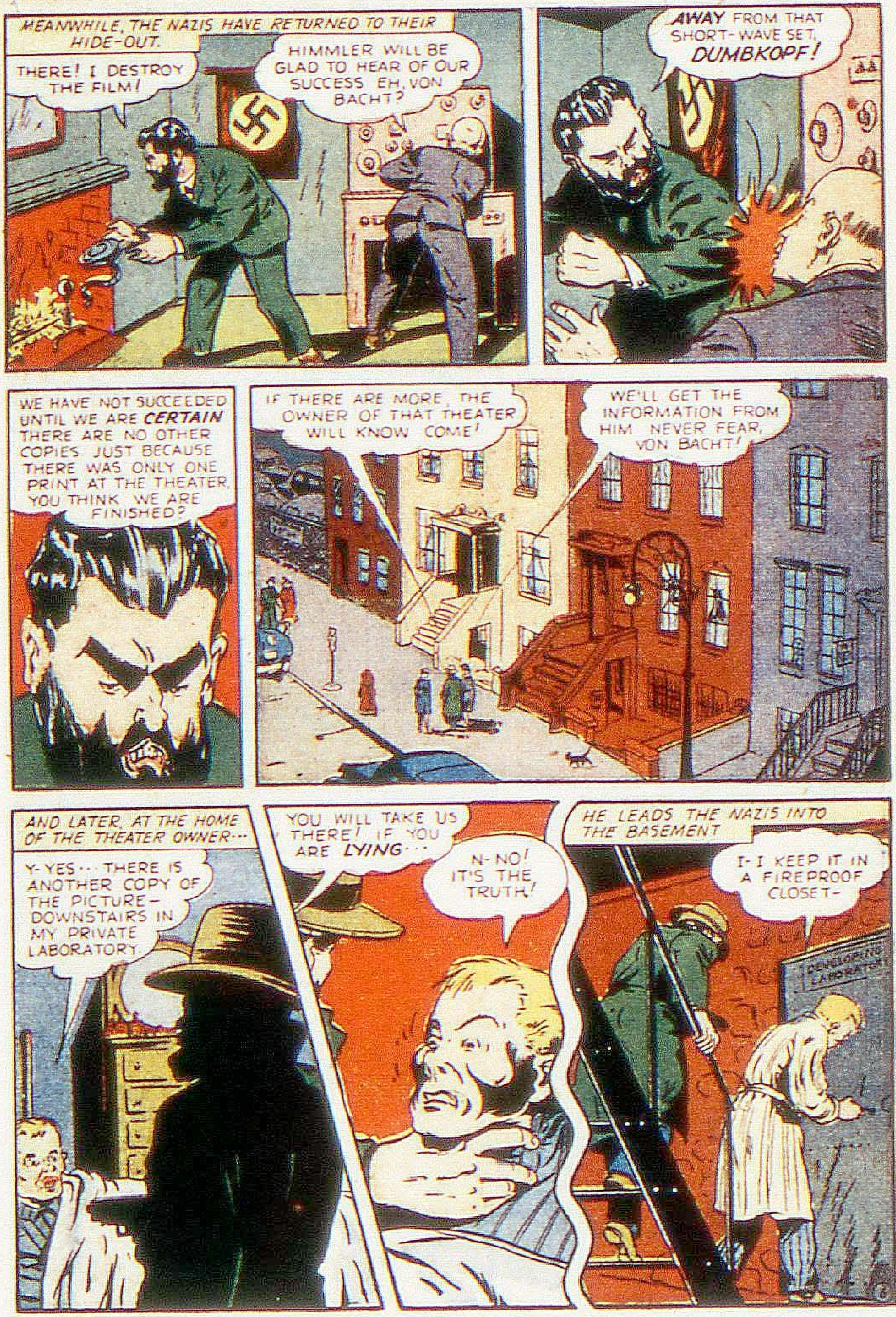
HUMAN TORCH
THE FILMS OF DEATH
THE STARK TERROR AND HORRIBLE TORTURES OF A NAZI PRISON CAMP ARE PICTURED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE! DESPERATELY, GERMAN AGENTS STRIVE TO DESTROY THIS EVIDENCE OF NAZI TREACHERY— EVIDENCE PROTECTED BY THE TORCH AND TORO.

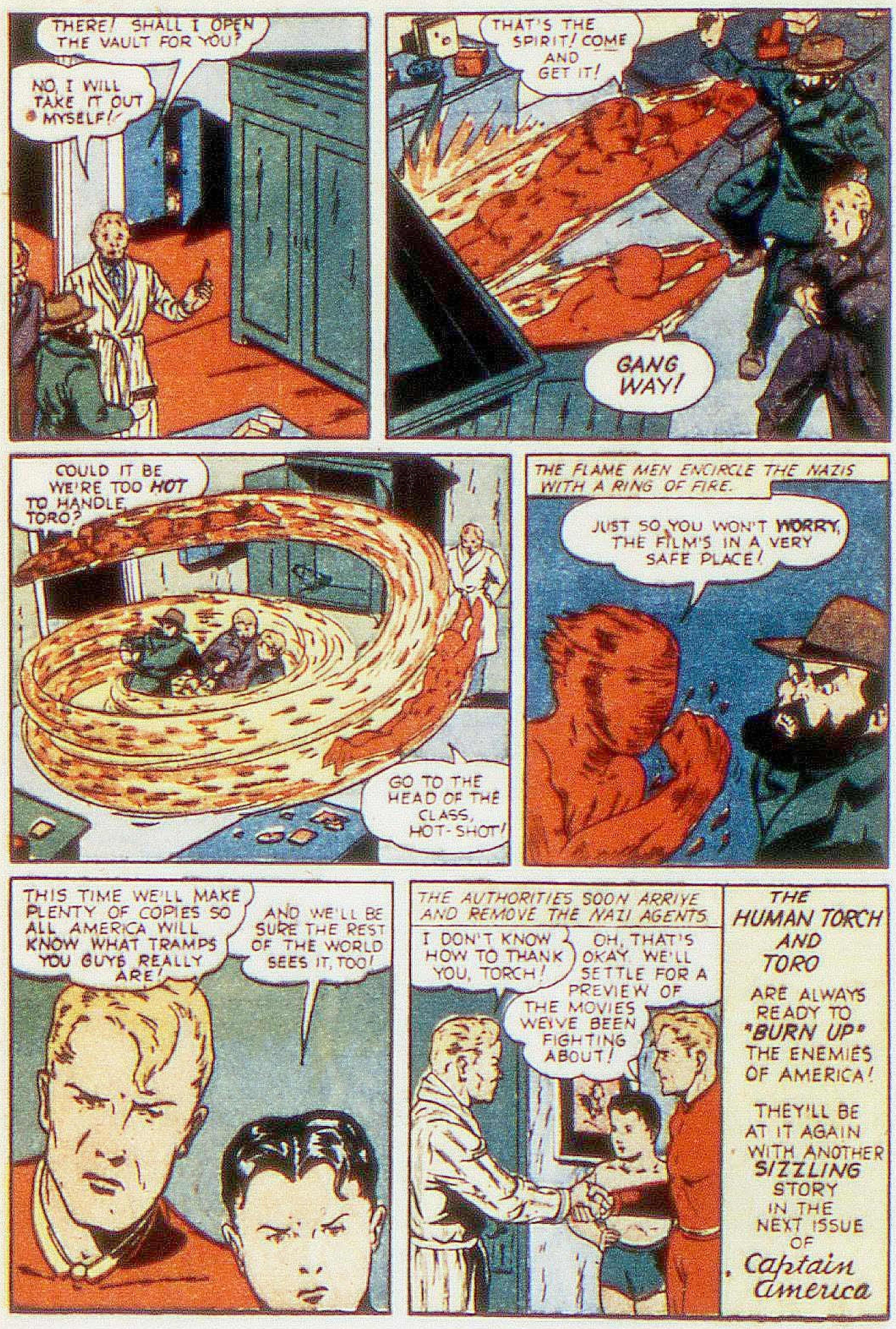

IN A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP, RUSSIAN PRISONERS ARE BEING TORTURED– CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW!
GIVE HIM TWENTY MORE LASHES!
YOU VILE, INHUMAN SNAKES!
YOU– UGH!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER, RUSSIAN FOOL? THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW!
LATER ·
I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE TO BE ABLE TO PROVE TO THE WORLD WHAT THESE NAZI BEASTS DO.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE. SH-H– THE SENTRY!
SILENTLY, THE RUSSIAN BROODS UNTIL– ONE DAY HE SEES A GERMAN LIEUTENANT USING A MOVIE CAMERA.
NAZI DOG! YOU WILL NOT BITE AGAIN! THAT CAMERA WILL AROUSE THE WORLD!
AH-H-H!
HE CRAWED STEALTHILY ABOUT THE CAMP, PHOTOGRAPHING SCENES OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR UNTIL···
STOP HIM! STOP HIM! HE HAS A CAMERA!
MIRACULOUSLY, HE ESCAPES. WEEKS LATER, HE STUMBLES UPON THE RUSSIAN LINES.
DON'T SHOOT! HE IS A COMRADE!
IMPORTANT– I HAVE MOVIES OF CONCENTRATION CAMP!
WORD OF THE ESCAPE HAS REACHED GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS
NOTIFY VON BACHT, IN AMERICA, THAT THOSE MOVIES MUST BE DESTROYED!
AND, LESS THAN A MONTH LATER, IN NEW YORK CITY···
FLAMING FISTS, TORO! LOOK AT THIS! SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE?
LET'S GO FIND OUT– THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN'T MISS!
THE MORNING AFTER
SHROTTER SHROT AT SHUNRISE
BOBBY ROSS GETS CHAIR!
BUFFALO MURDERESS CONVICTED
JUDGE FITZSIMMONS SETS DATE FOR DEATH
PLAYBOY FISK FOUND DEAD IN LOVE NEST MURDER
HAMILTON VERSUS YUKON TORPEY AT GARDEN
KAPITAN HUGHES AND JUDSEN
GARN THROWS BULL


They READ...
SEE HOW NAZIS TREAT PRISONERS OF WAR!
THIS FILM WAS SMUGGLED OUT OF A NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP AT CONSTANT RISK OF LIFE. IT REVEALS ALL THE SORDID TRUTHS ABOUT THE TREATMENT GIVEN ALLIED PRISONERS. DON'T FAIL TO SEE THIS REVEALING FILM!
SO, THAT SAME EVENING, TORCH AND TORO GO TO THE THEATER.
WELL, THIS IS ONE TIME WE'RE NOT GOING TO THE MOVIES TO BE ENTERTAINED.
YOU SAID IT, HOTHEAD!
FIRST PUBLIC SHOWING
NEXT WEE
LLOY
LO
BLO
UNKNOWN TO ANYONE, VON BACHT, OF THE GESTAPO, IS ALSO PRESENT.
THESE PICTURES MUST NOT BE SHOWN! THOSE ORDERS COME DIRECT FROM HIMMLER.
VE KNOW VAT TO DO, VON BACHT. THE FILM VILL BE DESTROYED!
THE RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS HAVE KEPT ITS WHEREABOUTS VERY SECRET, BUT TONIGHT WE KNOW AND SHALL ACT!
THE SPIES STEAL INTO THE PROJECTION ROOM...
GET AWAY FROM THAT CAMERA!
NO SM
QUICK! TAKE THAT REEL OUT AND GIVE IT TO ME!


AND, DOWNSTAIRS IN THE DARKENED THEATER···
THE FILM FLASHED OFF, TORCH–SUPPOSE SOMETHING'S WRONG?
I HEAR WHAT SOUNDS LIKE A FIGHT IN THE PROJECTION ROOM. C'MON!
THEY FLAME UP!
LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
RIGHT!
TAKING THOSE FILMS SOMEWHERE, FUZZIE-FACE?
ACH! THE TORCH!
NO SMOKING
UNION
SOME PEOPLE LIKE SHREDDED WHEAT HOT!
UNNAA!
NOW SHOWING: HOW NAZIS GET BURNED UP!
SUDDENLY!
FLAME OFF, TORO! THAT FILM'S ON FIRE!
I'LL GET IT, TORCH!
SO NOW YOU'LL GET MY FISTS STRAIGHT!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE!


YOU TAKE THE PROJECTOR, TORCH- I'LL TAKE THE FILMS!
TORCH! TORCH! WAKE UP!
GET OUT- HURRY!
TORO TRIES FRANTICALLY TO REVIVE TORCH.
NO USE- HE'S OUT COLD! SAY- MAYBE A SHOT OF FLAME WILL DO IT!
YOW! HEY- WHAT'S THE IDEA?
THEY SWIFTLY RELEASE THE THEATER OWNER.
WAS THAT THE ONLY COPY, OR HAVE YOU OTHER ONES?
EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT PICTURE HAS BEEN HANDLED WITH GREAT SECRECY, TORCH.
AFTER A PRIVATE SHOWING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ONLY TWO COPIES WERE RELEASED-THE ONE THAT WAS STOLEN, AND...
ANOTHER WHICH IS ALSO IN MY POSSESSION.
THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW!
TORO, THAT OTHER PRINT IS GOING TO SET A SNUG LITTLE TRAP FOR THOSE NAZIS!


MEANWHILE, THE NAZIS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HIDE-OUT.
THERE! I DESTROY THE FILM!
HIMMLER WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR OF OUR SUCCESS EH, VON BACHT?
AWAY FROM THAT SHORT-WAVE SET, DUMBKOPF!
WE HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED UNTIL WE ARE CERTAIN THERE ARE NO OTHER COPIES. JUST BECAUSE THERE WAS ONLY ONE PRINT AT THE THEATER, YOU THINK WE ARE FINISHED?
IF THERE ARE MORE, THE OWNER OF THAT THEATER WILL KNOW. COME!
WE'LL GET THE INFORMATION FROM HIM, NEVER FEAR, VON BACHT!
AND LATER, AT THE HOME OF THE THEATER OWNER···
Y-YES··· THERE IS ANOTHER COPY OF THE PICTURE-DOWNSTAIRS IN MY PRIVATE LABORATORY.
YOU WILL TAKE US THERE! IF YOU ARE LYING···
N-NO! IT'S THE TRUTH!
HE LEADS THE NAZIS INTO THE BASEMENT
I-I KEEP IT IN A FIREPROOF CLOSET-
DEVELOPING LABORATORY


THERE! SHALL I OPEN THE VAULT FOR YOU?
NO, I WILL TAKE IT OUT MYSELF!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! COME AND GET IT!
GANG WAY!
COULD IT BE WE'RE TOO HOT TO HANDLE, TORO?
GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS, HOT-SHOT!
THE FLAME MEN ENCIRCLE THE NAZIS WITH A RING OF FIRE.
JUST SO YOU WON'T WORRY, THE FILM'S IN A VERY SAFE PLACE!
THIS TIME WE'LL MAKE PLENTY OF COPIES SO ALL AMERICA WILL KNOW WHAT TRAMPS YOU GUYS REALLY ARE!
AND WE'LL BE SURE THE REST OF THE WORLD SEES IT, TOO!
THE AUTHORITIES SOON ARRIVE AND REMOVE THE NAZI AGENTS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, TORCH!
OH, THAT'S OKAY. WE'LL SETTLE FOR A PREVIEW OF THE MOVIES WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING ABOUT!
THE HUMAN TORCH AND TORO ARE ALWAYS READY TO "BURN UP" THE ENEMIES OF AMERICA!
THEY'LL BE AT IT AGAIN WITH ANOTHER SIZZLING STORY IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF Captain America

CAPTAIN AMERICA'S FUN PAGE

1. WHAT LAW PREVENTS THE USE OF PERPETUAL MOTION?

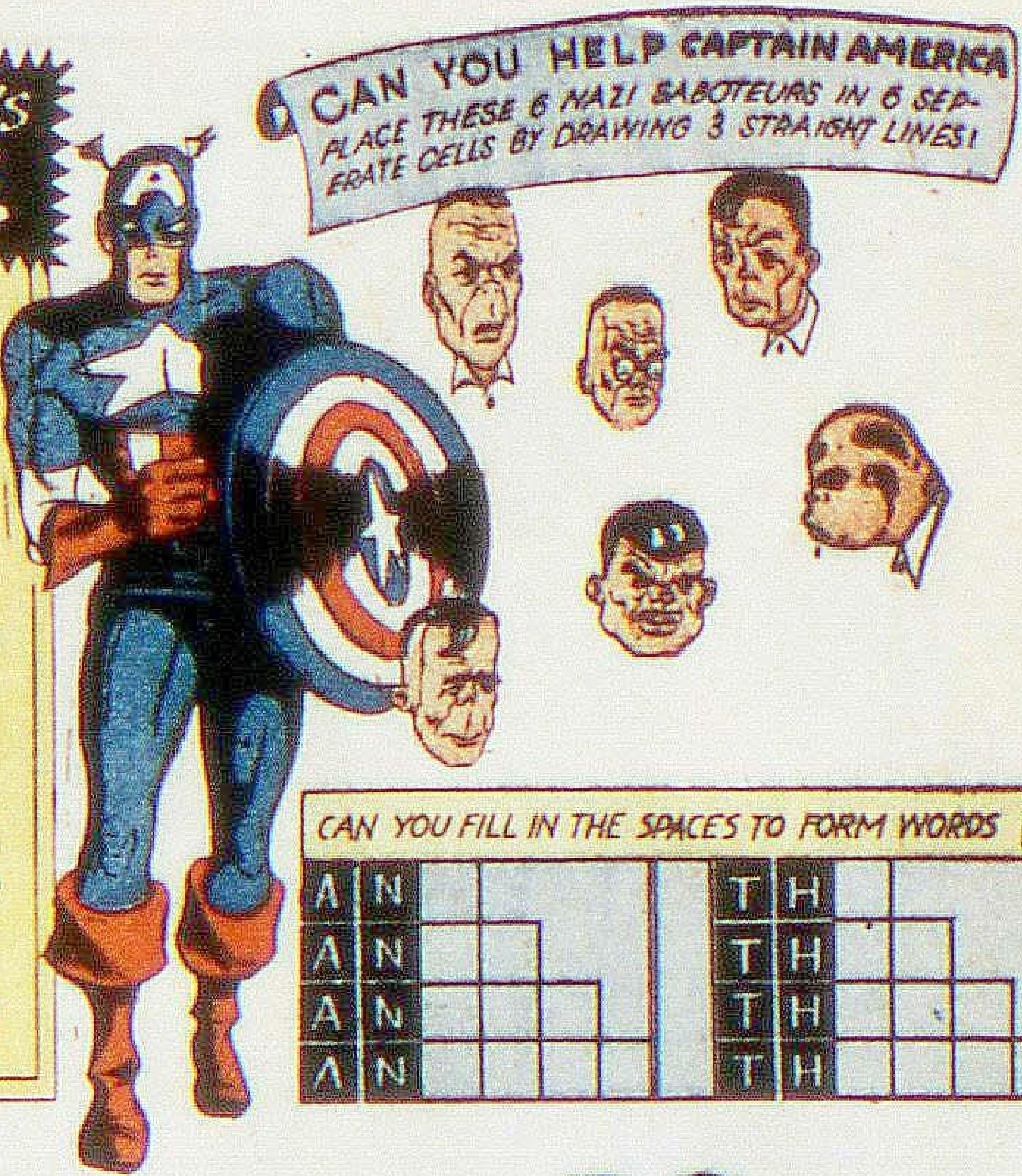
2. WHAT WAS THE GREATEST INVENTION OF MANKIND?

3. FOR WHAT DISCOVERY IS MME. EVE CURIE RENOWNED?

4. IN WHAT COUNTRY WAS THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO FOUGHT?

Here's the Answers:

1 GRAVITY 2. WHEEL
3 RADIUM 4. BELGIAN



CAN YOU HELP CAPTAIN AMERICA PLACE THESE 6 NAZI SABOTEURS IN 6 SEPERATE CELLS BY DRAWING 3 STRAIGHT LINES!

CAN YOU FILL IN THE SPACES TO FORM WORDS ?

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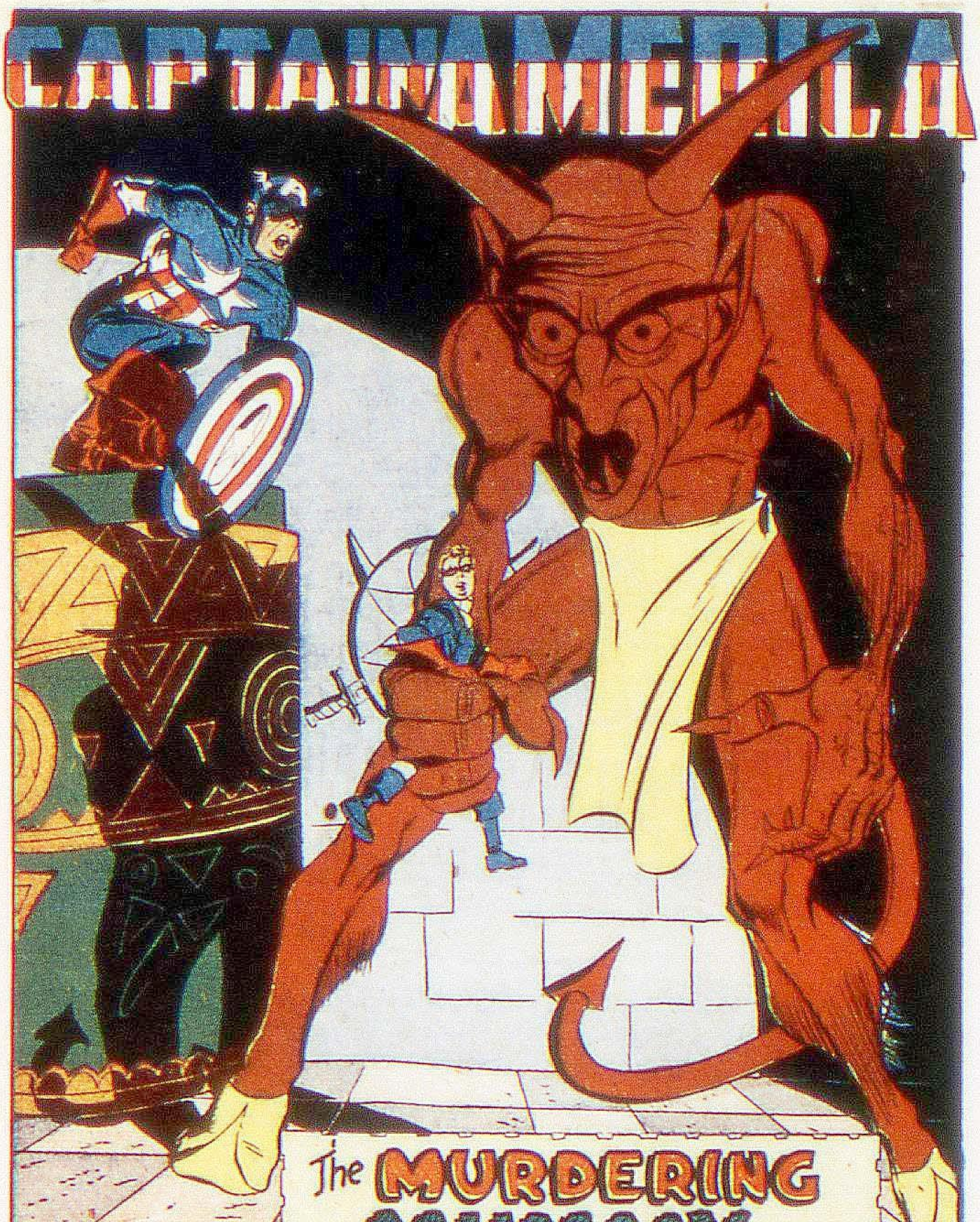
CRASHING THROUGH!

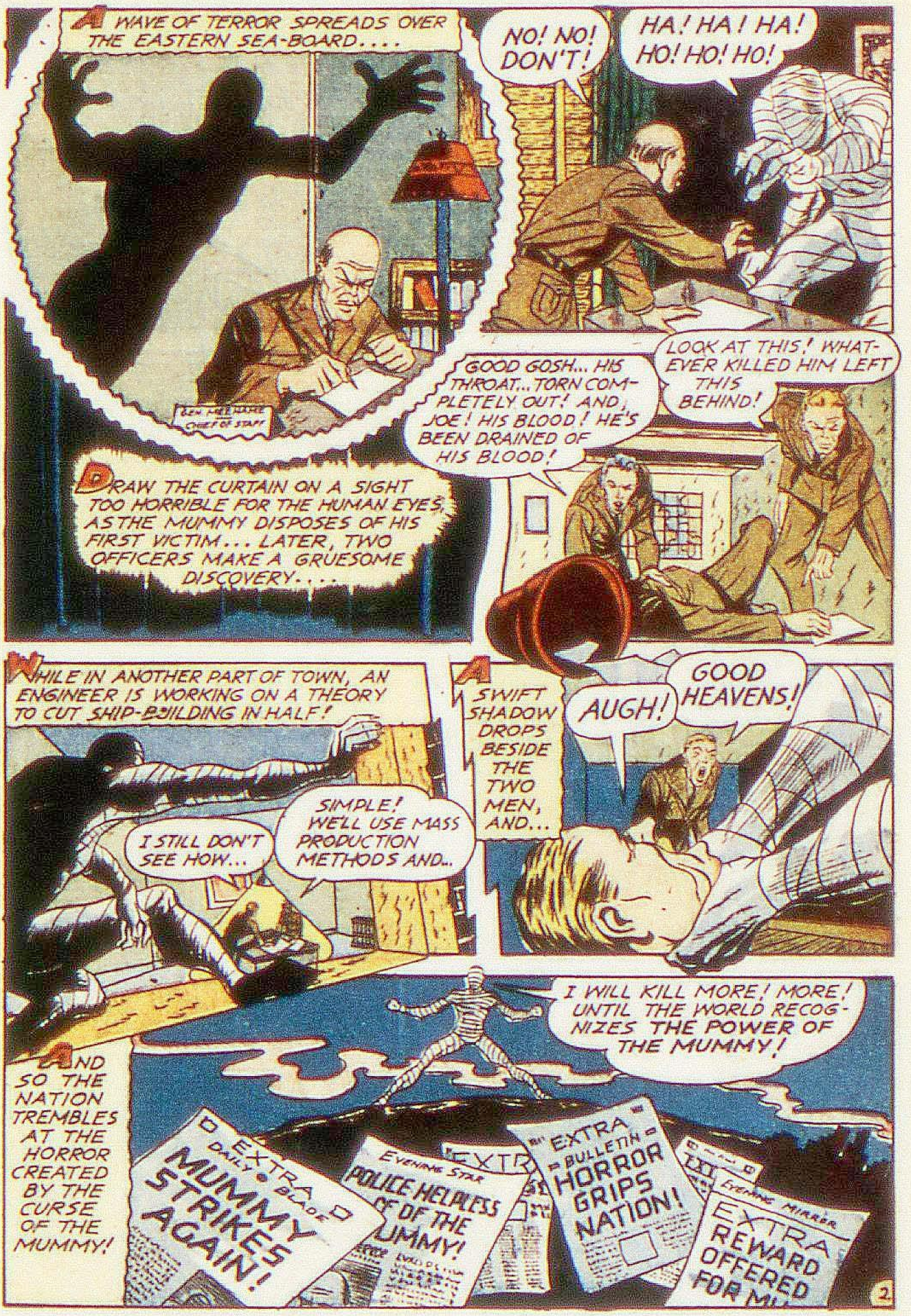
TO
VICTORY!
COMES THE *"HUMAN TORCH"*
and *"TORO"*

THESE FEARLESS FIREBRANDS OF A THOUSAND ADVENTURES, WHOSE EXPLOITS THRILL MILLIONS OF KIDS A MONTH, ARE NOW ENGAGED IN THE MOST AMAZING AND TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE OF THEIR WHOLE PUNCH-PACKED CAREER! **SEE THEM IN THESE POPULAR MAGAZINES**

- ***ALL WINNERS***
- ***THE HUMAN TORCH***
- ***YOUNG ALLIES***

NOW ON DISPLAY AT YOUR NEWSSTAND!
Don't Delay! GET YOUR COPY *Now!*


CAPTAIN AMERICA
The MURDERING MUMMY
...AND...
The LAUGHING SPHINX!


A WAVE OF TERROR SPREADS OVER THE EASTERN SEA-BOARD....
CHIEF OF STAFF
NO! NO! DON'T!
HA! HA! HA! HO! HO! HO!
DRAW THE CURTAIN ON A SIGHT TOO HORRIBLE FOR THE HUMAN EYES, AS THE MUMMY DISPOSES OF HIS FIRST VICTIM... LATER, TWO OFFICERS MAKE A GRUESOME DISCOVERY...
GOOD GOSH... HIS THROAT... TORN COMPLETELY OUT! AND, JOE! HIS BLOOD! HE'S BEEN DRAINED OF HIS BLOOD!
LOOK AT THIS! WHATEVER KILLED HIM LEFT THIS BEHIND!
WHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, AN ENGINEER IS WORKING ON A THEORY TO CUT SHIP-BUILDING IN HALF!
I STILL DON'T SEE HOW...
SIMPLE! WE'LL USE MASS PRODUCTION METHODS AND...
A SWIFT SHADOW DROPS BESIDE THE TWO MEN, AND...
AUGH!
GOOD HEAVENS!
AND SO THE NATION TREMBLES AT THE HORROR CREATED BY THE CURSE OF THE MUMMY!
I WILL KILL MORE! MORE! UNTIL THE WORLD RECOGNIZES THE POWER OF THE MUMMY!
EXTRA DAILY BLADE MUMMY STRIKES AGAIN!
EVENING STAR POLICE HELPLESS OF THE UMMY!
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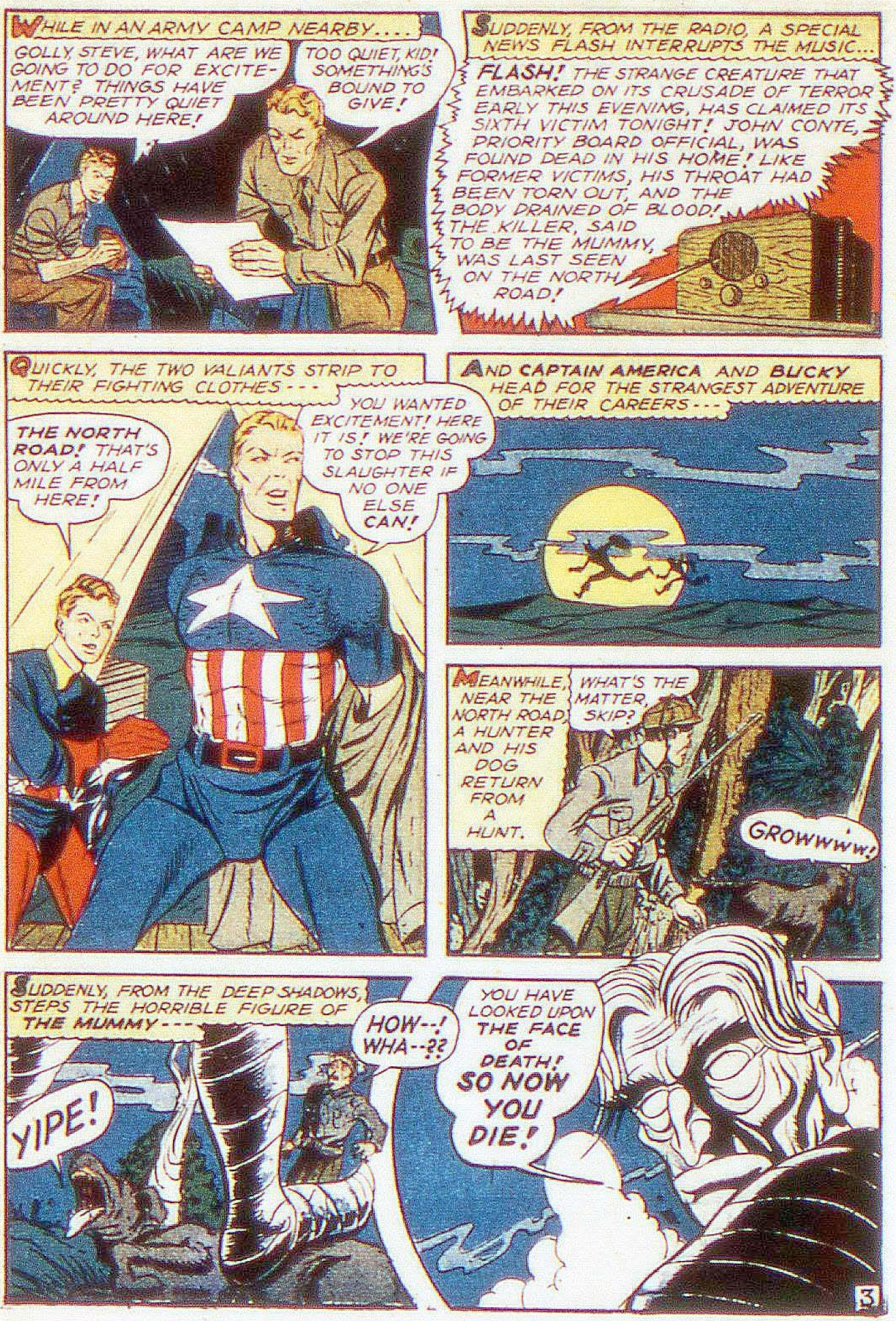
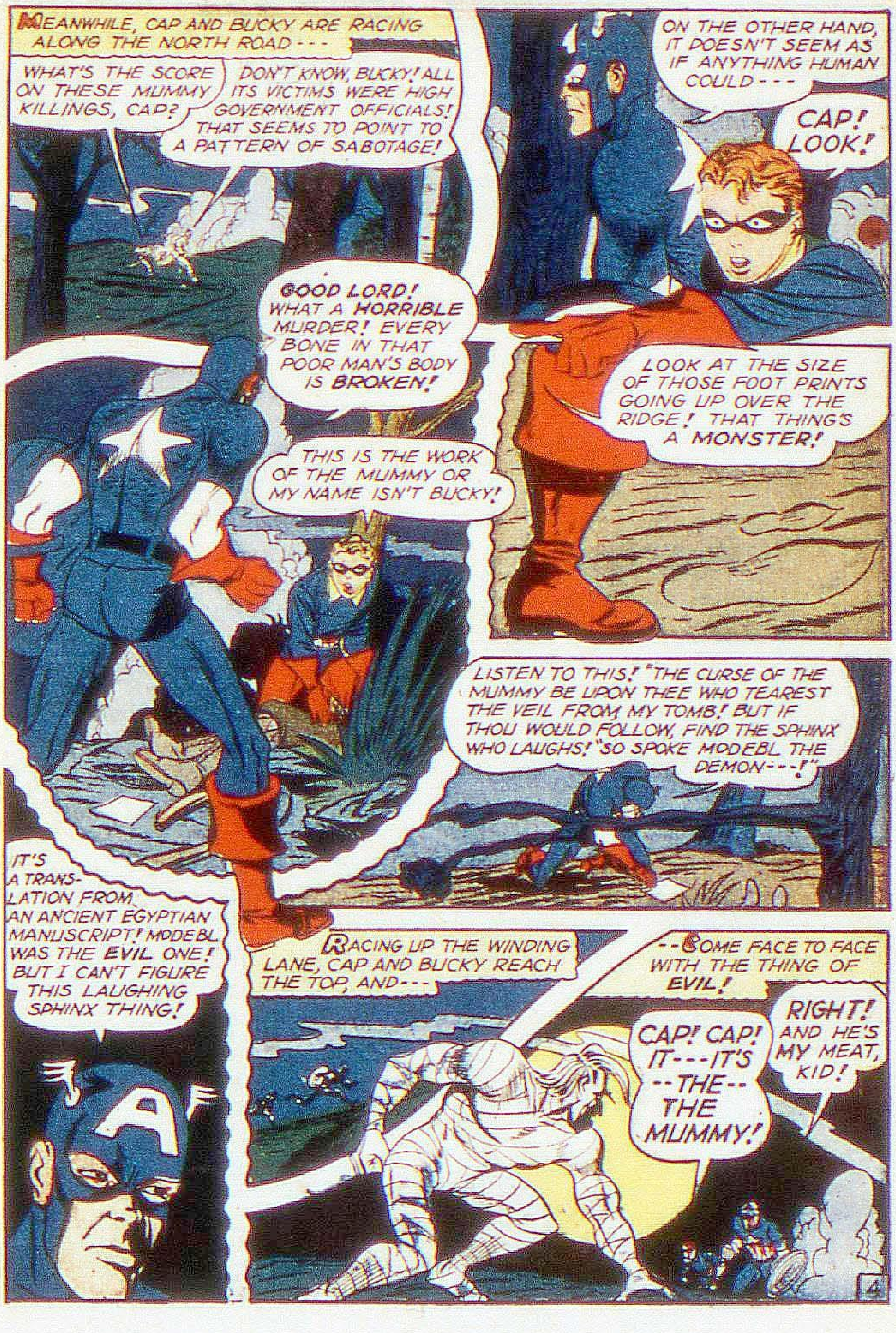
EXTRA BULLETIN HORROR GRIPS NATION!
EVENING MIRROR EXTRA REWARD OFFERED FOR M


WHILE IN AN ARMY CAMP NEARBY....
GOLLY, STEVE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR EXCITEMENT? THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY QUIET AROUND HERE!
TOO QUIET, KID! SOMETHING'S BOUND TO GIVE!
SUDDENLY, FROM THE RADIO, A SPECIAL NEWS FLASH INTERRUPTS THE MUSIC...
FLASH! THE STRANGE CREATURE THAT EMBARKED ON ITS CRUSADE OF TERROR EARLY THIS EVENING, HAS CLAIMED ITS SIXTH VICTIM TONIGHT! JOHN CONTE, PRIORITY BOARD OFFICIAL, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS HOME! LIKE FORMER VICTIMS, HIS THROAT HAD BEEN TORN OUT, AND THE BODY DRAINED OF BLOOD! THE KILLER, SAID TO BE THE MUMMY, WAS LAST SEEN ON THE NORTH ROAD!
QUICKLY, THE TWO VALIANTS STRIP TO THEIR FIGHTING CLOTHES---
THE NORTH ROAD! THAT'S ONLY A HALF MILE FROM HERE!
YOU WANTED EXCITEMENT! HERE IT IS! WE'RE GOING TO STOP THIS SLAUGHTER IF NO ONE ELSE CAN!
AND CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY HEAD FOR THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE OF THEIR CAREERS---
MEANWHILE, NEAR THE NORTH ROAD, A HUNTER AND HIS DOG RETURN FROM A HUNT.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SKIP?
GROWWWW!
SUDDENLY, FROM THE DEEP SHADOWS, STEPS THE HORRIBLE FIGURE OF THE MUMMY---
YIPE!
HOW--! WHA--??
YOU HAVE LOOKED UPON THE FACE OF DEATH! SO NOW YOU DIE!


MEANWHILE, CAP AND BUCKY ARE RACING ALONG THE NORTH ROAD---
WHAT'S THE SCORE ON THESE MUMMY KILLINGS, CAP?
DON'T KNOW, BUCKY! ALL ITS VICTIMS WERE HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS! THAT SEEMS TO POINT TO A PATTERN OF SABOTAGE!
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF ANYTHING HUMAN COULD---
CAP! LOOK!
GOOD LORD! WHAT A HORRIBLE MURDER! EVERY BONE IN THAT POOR MAN'S BODY IS BROKEN!
THIS IS THE WORK OF THE MUMMY OR MY NAME ISN'T BUCKY!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THOSE FOOT PRINTS GOING UP OVER THE RIDGE! THAT THING'S A MONSTER!
LISTEN TO THIS! "THE CURSE OF THE MUMMY BE UPON THEE WHO TEAREST THE VEIL FROM MY TOMB! BUT IF THOU WOULD FOLLOW, FIND THE SPHINX WHO LAUGHS!" SO SPOKE MODEBL THE DEMON---!"
IT'S A TRANSLATION FROM AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MANUSCRIPT! MODEBL WAS THE EVIL ONE! BUT I CAN'T FIGURE THIS LAUGHING SPHINX THING!
RACING UP THE WINDING LANE, CAP AND BUCKY REACH THE TOP, AND---
--COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE THING OF EVIL!
CAP! CAP! IT---IT'S --THE-- THE MUMMY!
RIGHT! AND HE'S MY MEAT, KID!
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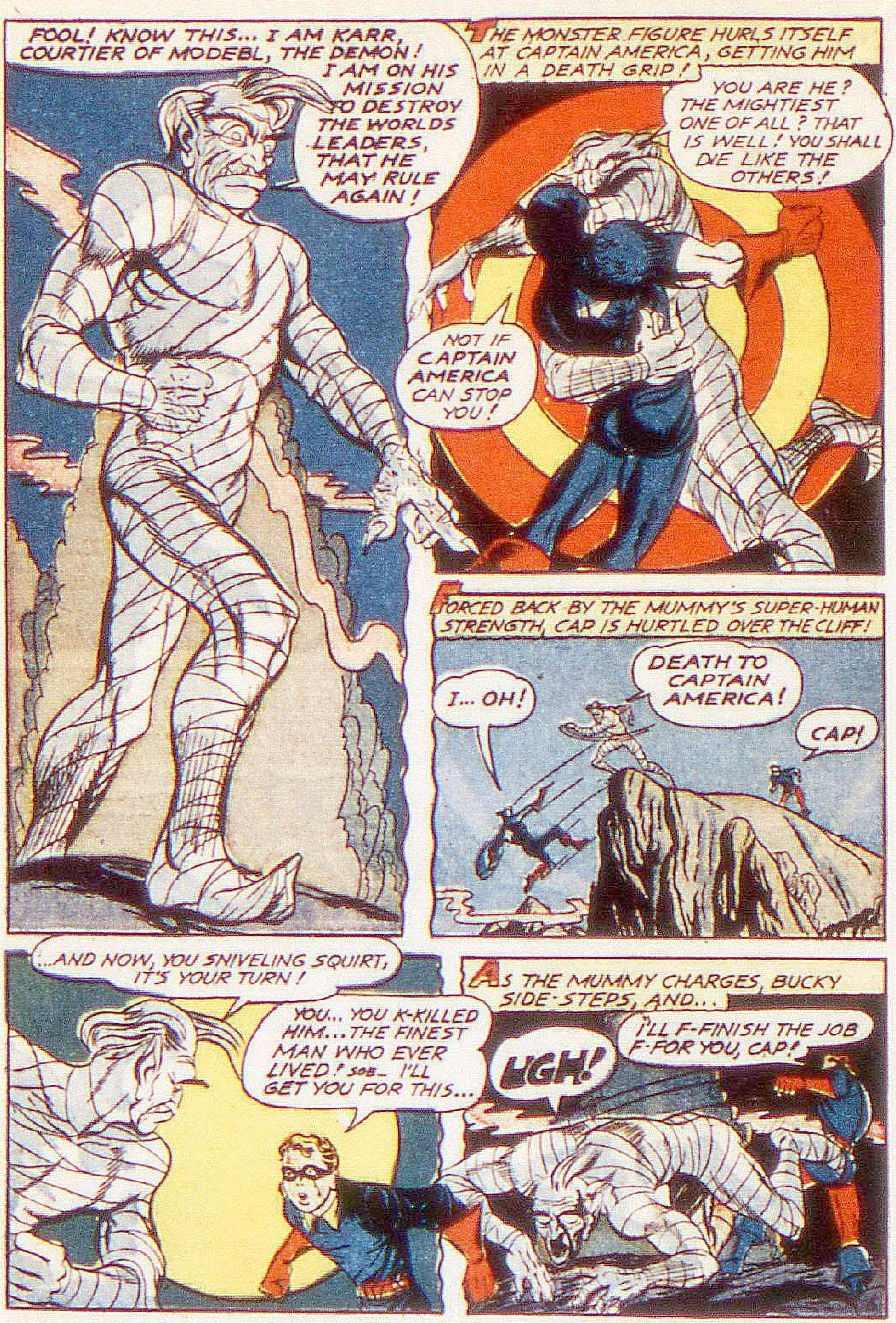
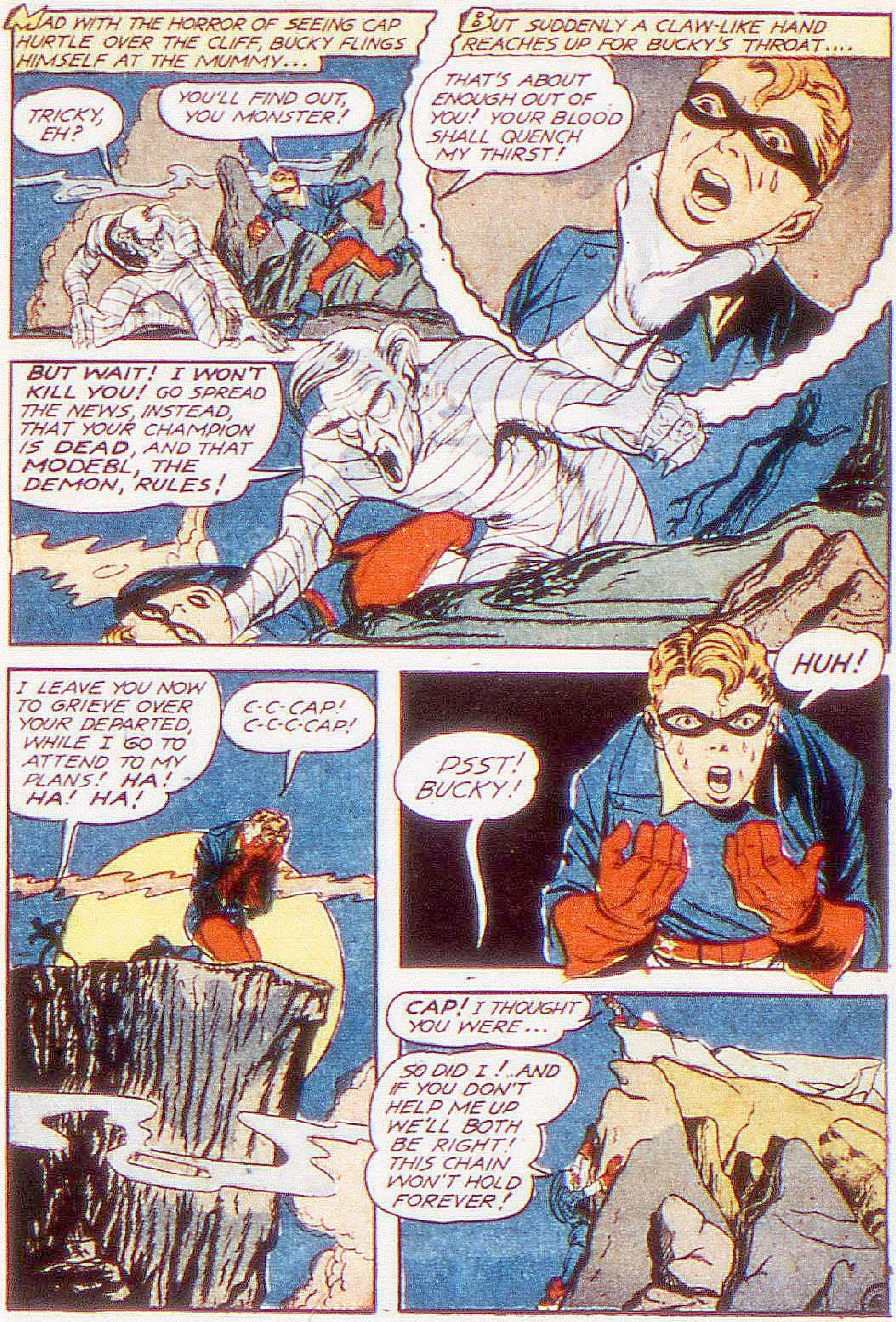
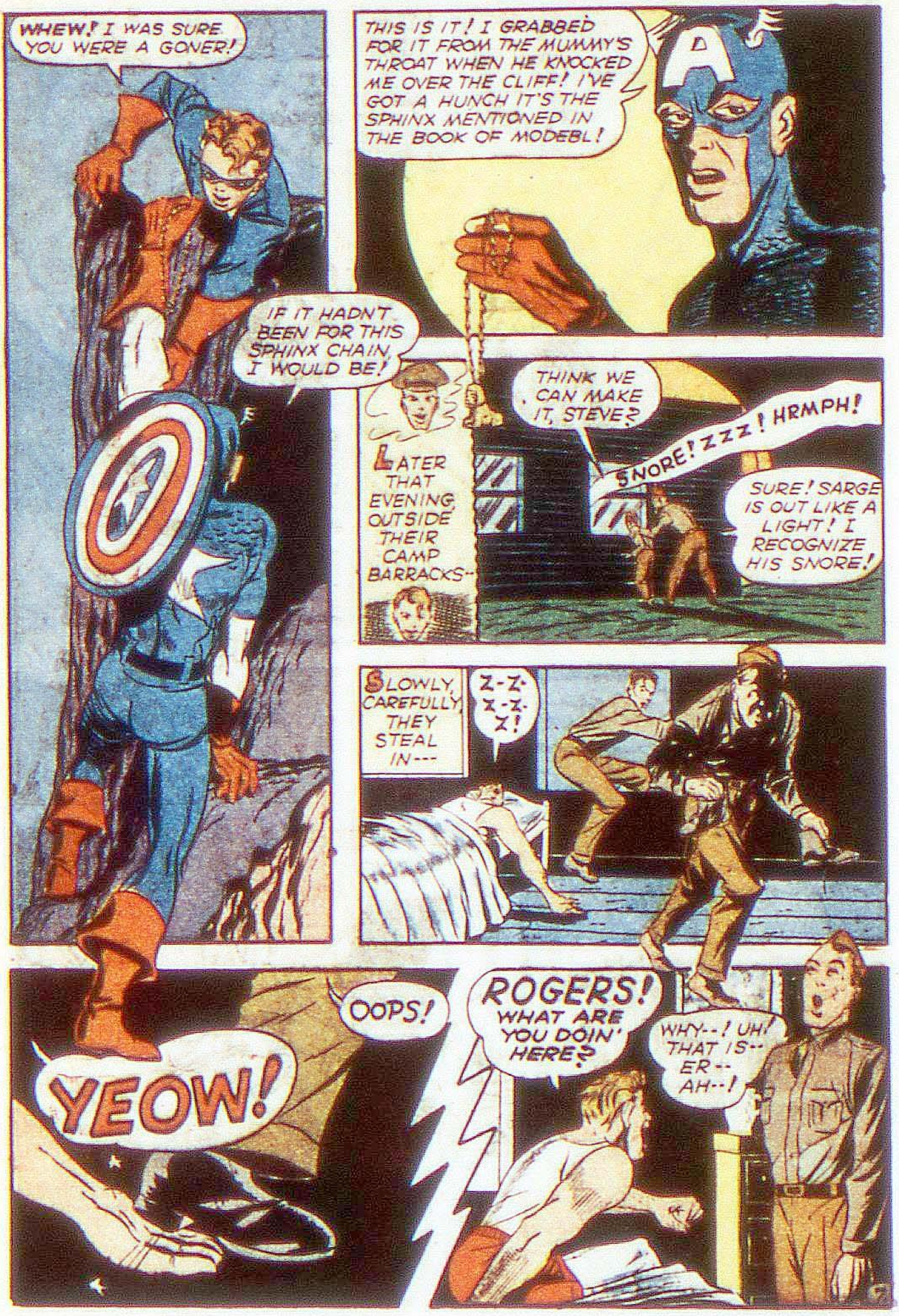
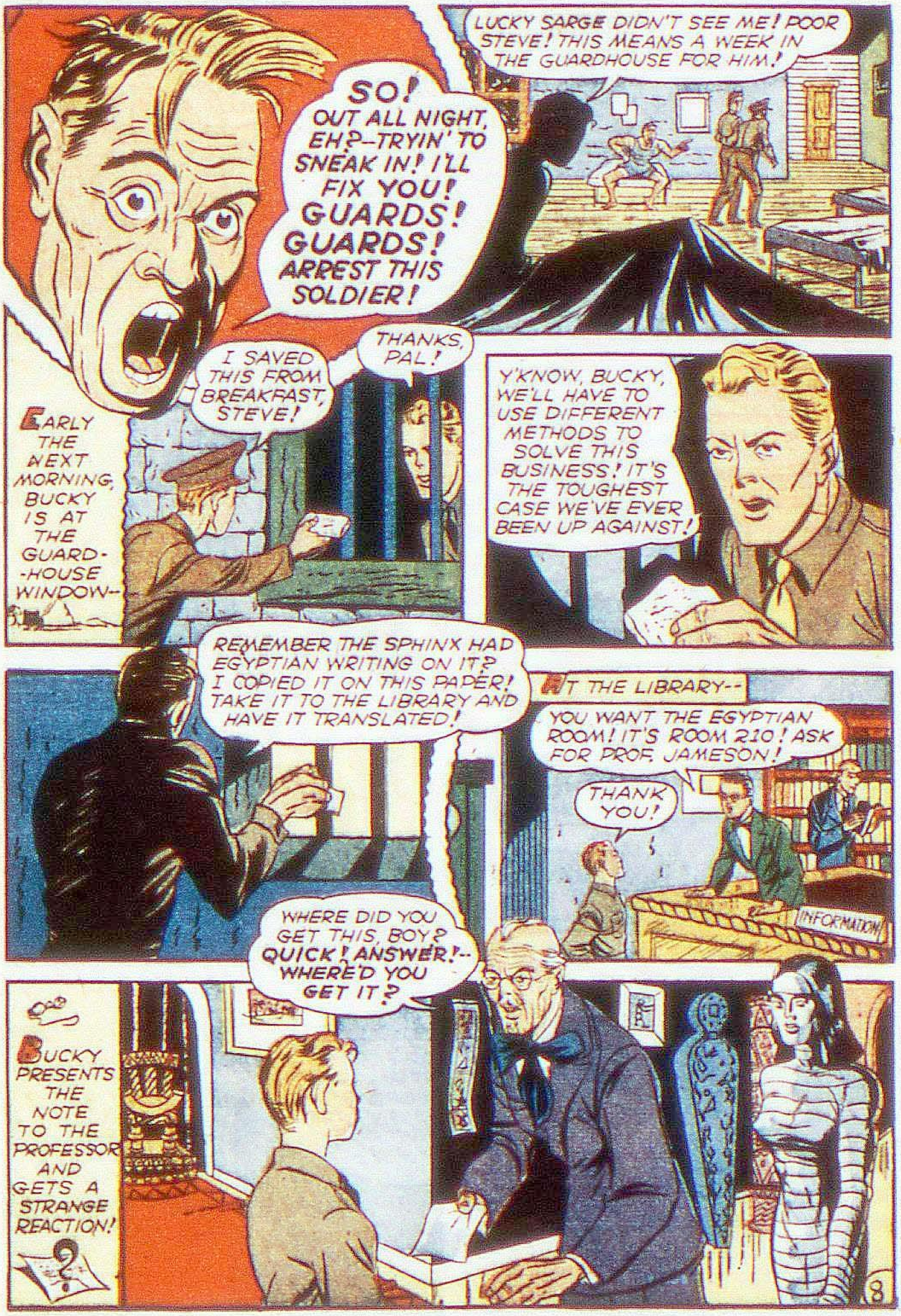
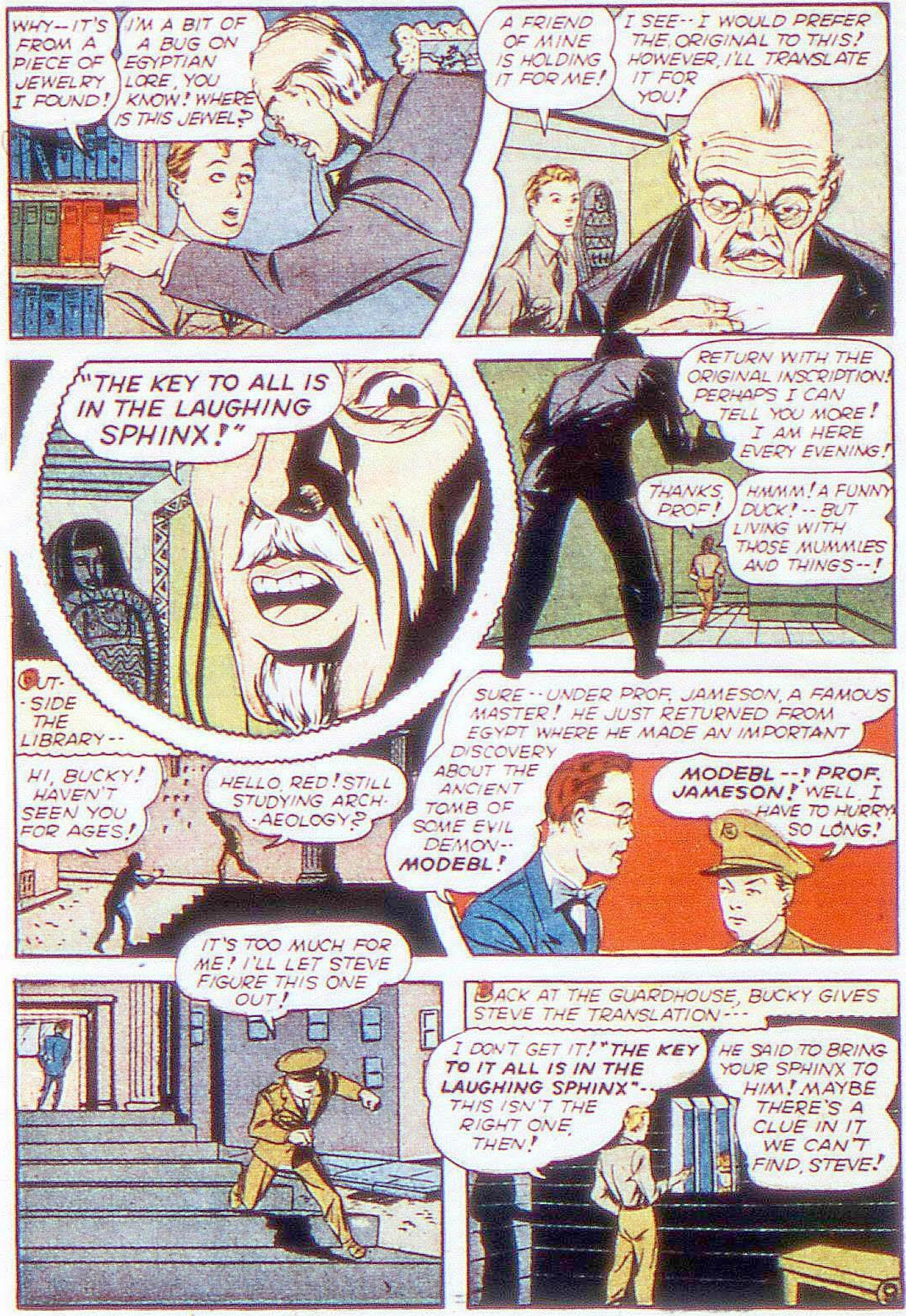
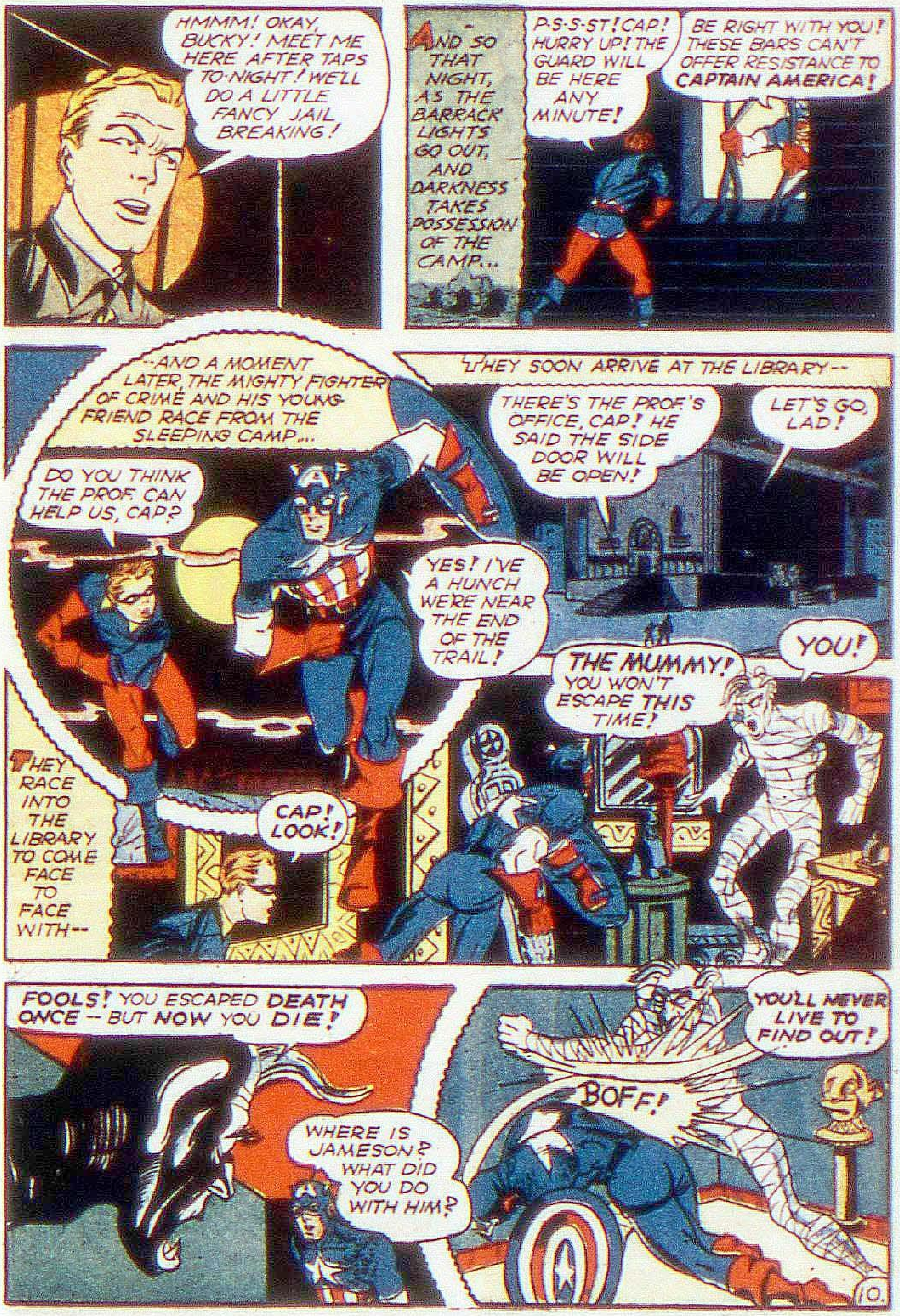

FOOL! KNOW THIS... I AM KARR, COURTIER OF MODEBL, THE DEMON!
I AM ON HIS MISSION TO DESTROY THE WORLDS LEADERS, THAT HE MAY RULE AGAIN!
THE MONSTER FIGURE HURLS ITSELF AT CAPTAIN AMERICA, GETTING HIM IN A DEATH GRIP!
YOU ARE HE? THE MIGHTIEST ONE OF ALL? THAT IS WELL! YOU SHALL DIE LIKE THE OTHERS!
NOT IF CAPTAIN AMERICA CAN STOP YOU!
FORCED BACK BY THE MUMMY'S SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH, CAP IS HURTLED OVER THE CLIFF!
I... OH!
DEATH TO CAPTAIN AMERICA!
CAP!
...AND NOW, YOU SNIVELING SQUIRT, IT'S YOUR TURN!
YOU... YOU K-KILLED HIM... THE FINEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED! SOB.. I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS...
AS THE MUMMY CHARGES, BUCKY SIDE-STEPS, AND...
I'LL F-FINISH THE JOB F-FOR YOU, CAP!
UGH!

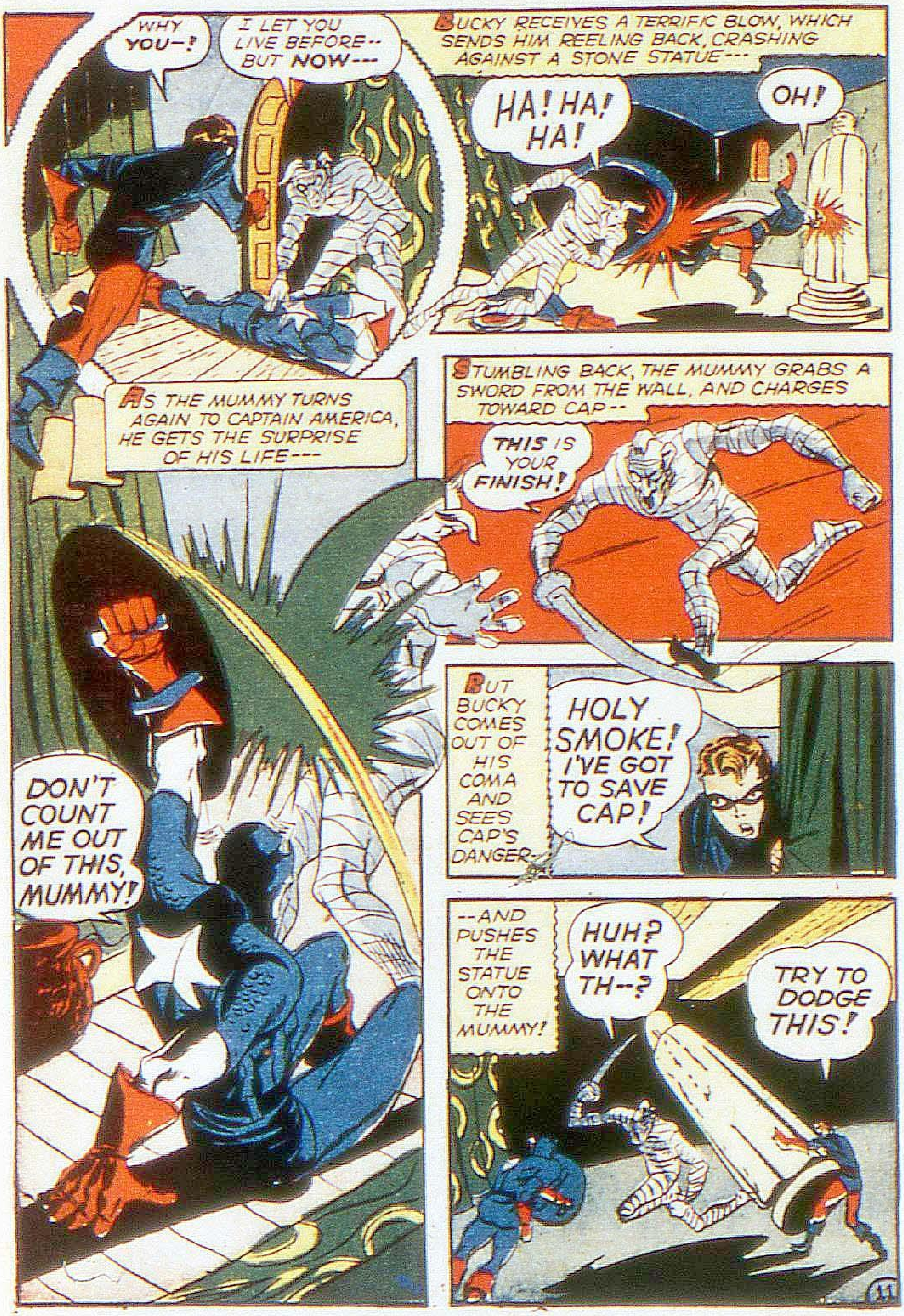

MAD WITH THE HORROR OF SEEING CAP HURTLE OVER THE CLIFF, BUCKY FLINGS HIMSELF AT THE MUMMY...
TRICKY, EH?
YOU'LL FIND OUT, YOU MONSTER!
BUT SUDDENLY A CLAW-LIKE HAND REACHES UP FOR BUCKY'S THROAT....
THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH OUT OF YOU! YOUR BLOOD SHALL QUENCH MY THIRST!
BUT WAIT! I WON'T KILL YOU! GO SPREAD THE NEWS, INSTEAD, THAT YOUR CHAMPION IS DEAD, AND THAT MODEBL, THE DEMON, RULES!
I LEAVE YOU NOW TO GRIEYE OVER YOUR DEPARTED, WHILE I GO TO ATTEND TO MY PLANS! HA! HA! HA!
C-C-CAP! C-C-C-CAP!
HUH!
PSST! BUCKY!
CAP! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...
SO DID I!..AND IF YOU DON'T HELP ME UP WE'LL BOTH BE RIGHT! THIS CHAIN WON'T HOLD FOREVER!

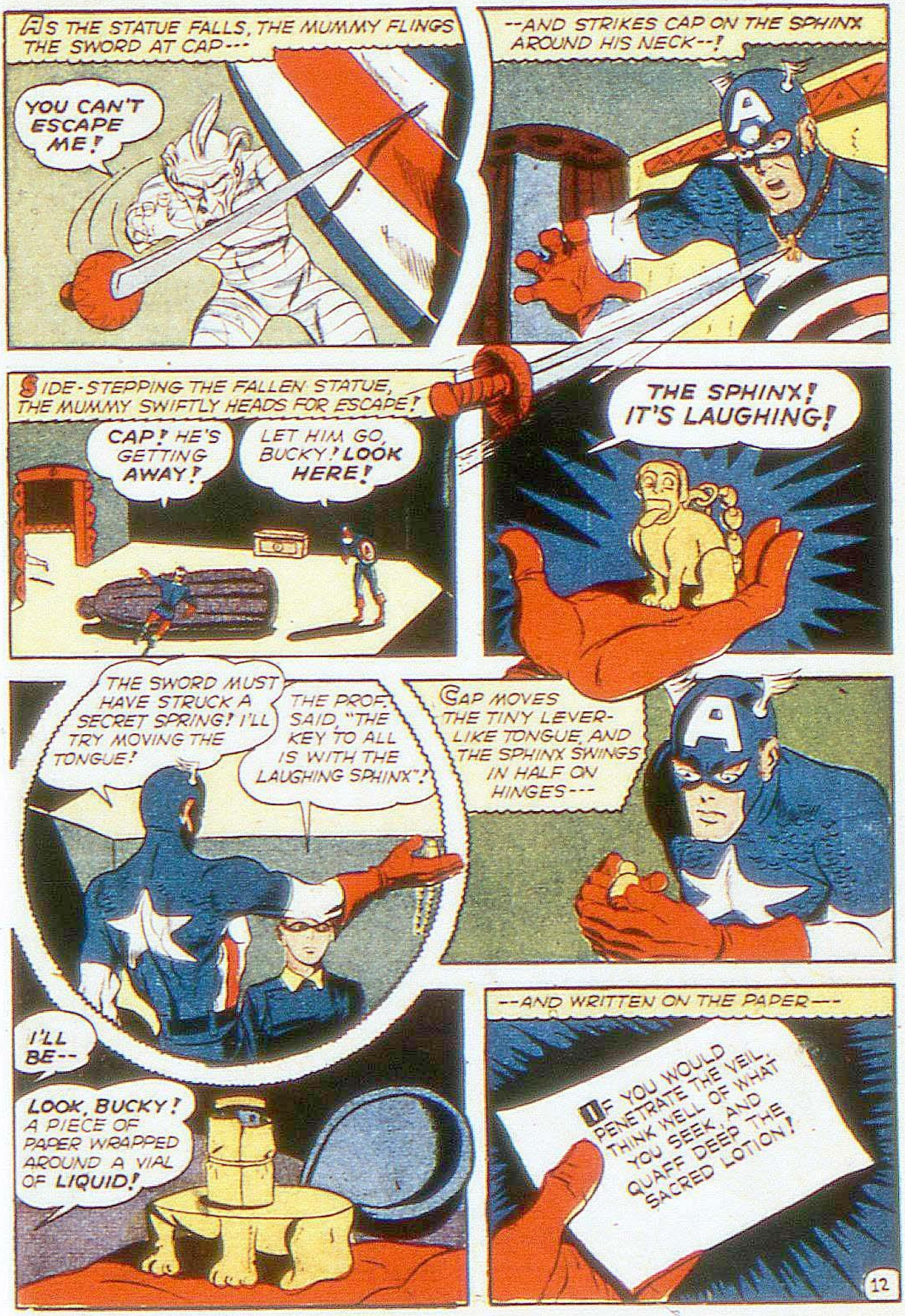

WHEW! I WAS SURE YOU WERE A GONER!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THIS SPHINX CHAIN, I WOULD BE!
THIS IS IT! I GRABBED FOR IT FROM THE MUMMY'S THROAT WHEN HE KNOCKED ME OVER THE CLIFF! I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S THE SPHINX MENTIONED IN THE BOOK OF MODEBL!
LATER THAT EVENING, OUTSIDE THEIR CAMP BARRACKS--
THINK WE CAN MAKE IT, STEVE?
SNORE! ZZZ! HRMPH!
SURE! SARGE IS OUT LIKE A LIGHT! I RECOGNIZE HIS SNORE!
SLOWLY, CAREFULLY, THEY STEAL IN---
Z-Z-Z-Z-Z!
OOPS!
YEOW!
ROGERS! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE?
WHY--! UH! THAT IS-- ER-- AH--!

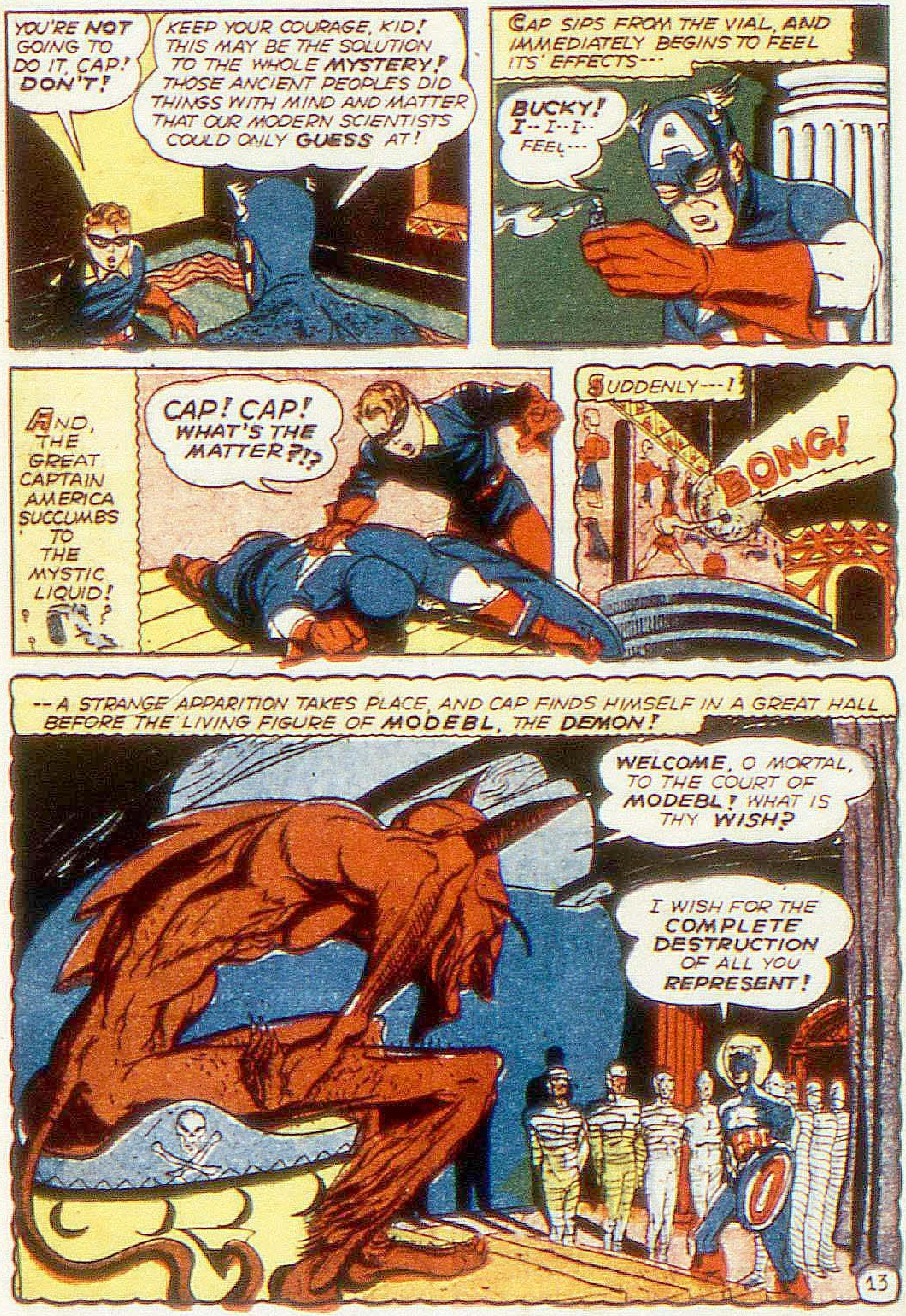

SO! OUT ALL NIGHT, EH?--TRYIN' TO SNEAK IN! I'LL FIX YOU! GUARDS! GUARDS! ARREST THIS SOLDIER!
LUCKY SARGE DIDN'T SEE ME! POOR STEVE! THIS MEANS A WEEK IN THE GUARDHOUSE FOR HIM!
EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, BUCKY IS AT THE GUARD-HOUSE WINDOW--
I SAVED THIS FROM BREAKFAST, STEVE!
THANKS, PAL!
Y'KNOW, BUCKY, WE'LL HAVE TO USE DIFFERENT METHODS TO SOLVE THIS BUSINESS! IT'S THE TOUGHEST CASE WE'VE EVER BEEN UP AGAINST!
REMEMBER THE SPHINX HAD EGYPTIAN WRITING ON IT? I COPIED IT ON THIS PAPER! TAKE IT TO THE LIBRARY AND HAVE IT TRANSLATED!
AT THE LIBRARY--
YOU WANT THE EGYPTIAN ROOM! IT'S ROOM 210! ASK FOR PROF. JAMESON!
THANK YOU!
INFORMATION
BUCKY PRESENTS THE NOTE TO THE PROFESSOR AND GETS A STRANGE REACTION!
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS, BOY? QUICK! ANSWER!--WHERE'D YOU GET IT?

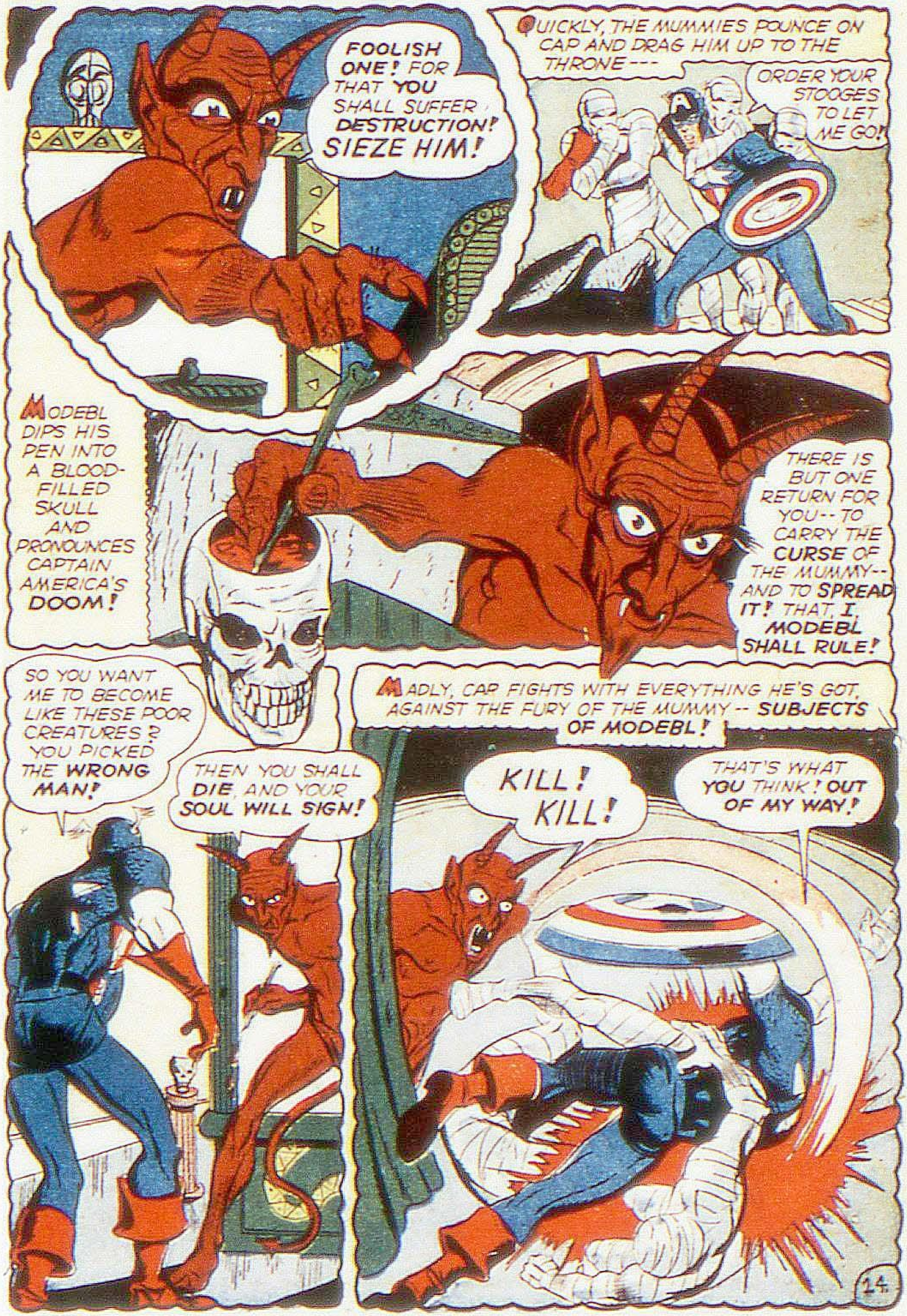

WHY-- IT'S FROM A PIECE OF JEWELRY I FOUND!
I'M A BIT OF A BUG ON EGYPTIAN LORE, YOU KNOW! WHERE IS THIS JEWEL?
A FRIEND OF MINE IS HOLDING IT FOR ME!
I SEE-- I WOULD PREFER THE ORIGINAL TO THIS! HOWEVER, I'LL TRANSLATE IT FOR YOU!
"THE KEY TO ALL IS IN THE LAUGHING SPHINX!"
RETURN WITH THE ORIGINAL INSCRIPTION! PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU MORE! I AM HERE EVERY EVENING!
THANKS, PROF!
HMMM! A FUNNY DUCK! -- BUT LIVING WITH THOSE MUMMIES AND THINGS--!
OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY--
HI, BUCKY! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES!
HELLO, RED! STILL STUDYING ARCHAEOLOGY?
SURE-- UNDER PROF. JAMESON, A FAMOUS MASTER! HE JUST RETURNED FROM EGYPT WHERE HE MADE AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY ABOUT THE ANCIENT TOMB OF SOME EVIL DEMON-- MODEBL!
MODEBL--! PROF. JAMESON! WELL, I HAVE TO HURRY! SO LONG!
IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME! I'LL LET STEVE FIGURE THIS ONE OUT!
BACK AT THE GUARDHOUSE, BUCKY GIVES STEVE THE TRANSLATION---
I DON'T GET IT! "THE KEY TO IT ALL IS IN THE LAUGHING SPHINX"-- THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT ONE, THEN!
HE SAID TO BRING YOUR SPHINX TO HIM! MAYBE THERE'S A CLUE IN IT WE CAN'T FIND, STEVE!

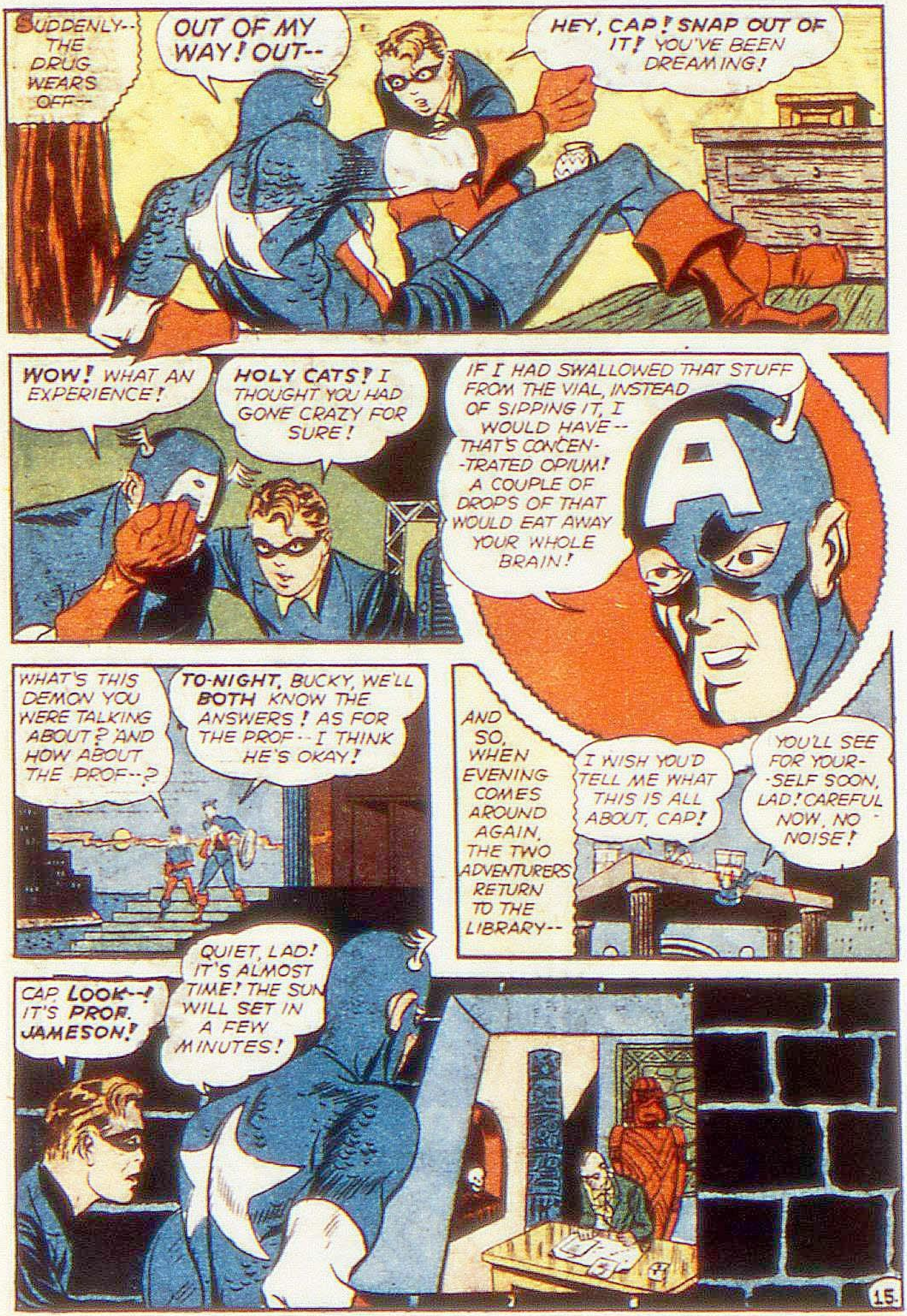

HMMM! OKAY, BUCKY! MEET ME HERE AFTER TAPS TO-NIGHT! WE'LL DO A LITTLE FANCY JAIL BREAKING!
AND SO THAT NIGHT, AS THE BARRACK LIGHTS GO OUT, AND DARKNESS TAKES POSSESSION OF THE CAMP...
P-S-S-ST! CAP! HURRY UP! THE GUARD WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!
BE RIGHT WITH YOU! THESE BARS CAN'T OFFER RESISTANCE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA!
--AND A MOMENT LATER, THE MIGHTY FIGHTER OF CRIME AND HIS YOUNG FRIEND RACE FROM THE SLEEPING CAMP...
DO YOU THINK THE PROF. CAN HELP US, CAP?
YES! I'VE A HUNCH WE'RE NEAR THE END OF THE TRAIL!
THEY SOON ARRIVE AT THE LIBRARY--
THERE'S THE PROF'S OFFICE, CAP! HE SAID THE SIDE DOOR WILL BE OPEN!
LET'S GO, LAD!
THEY RACE INTO THE LIBRARY TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH--
CAP! LOOK!
THE MUMMY! YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME!
YOU!
FOOLS! YOU ESCAPED DEATH ONCE -- BUT NOW YOU DIE!
WHERE IS JAMESON? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HIM?
YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO FIND OUT!
BOFF!

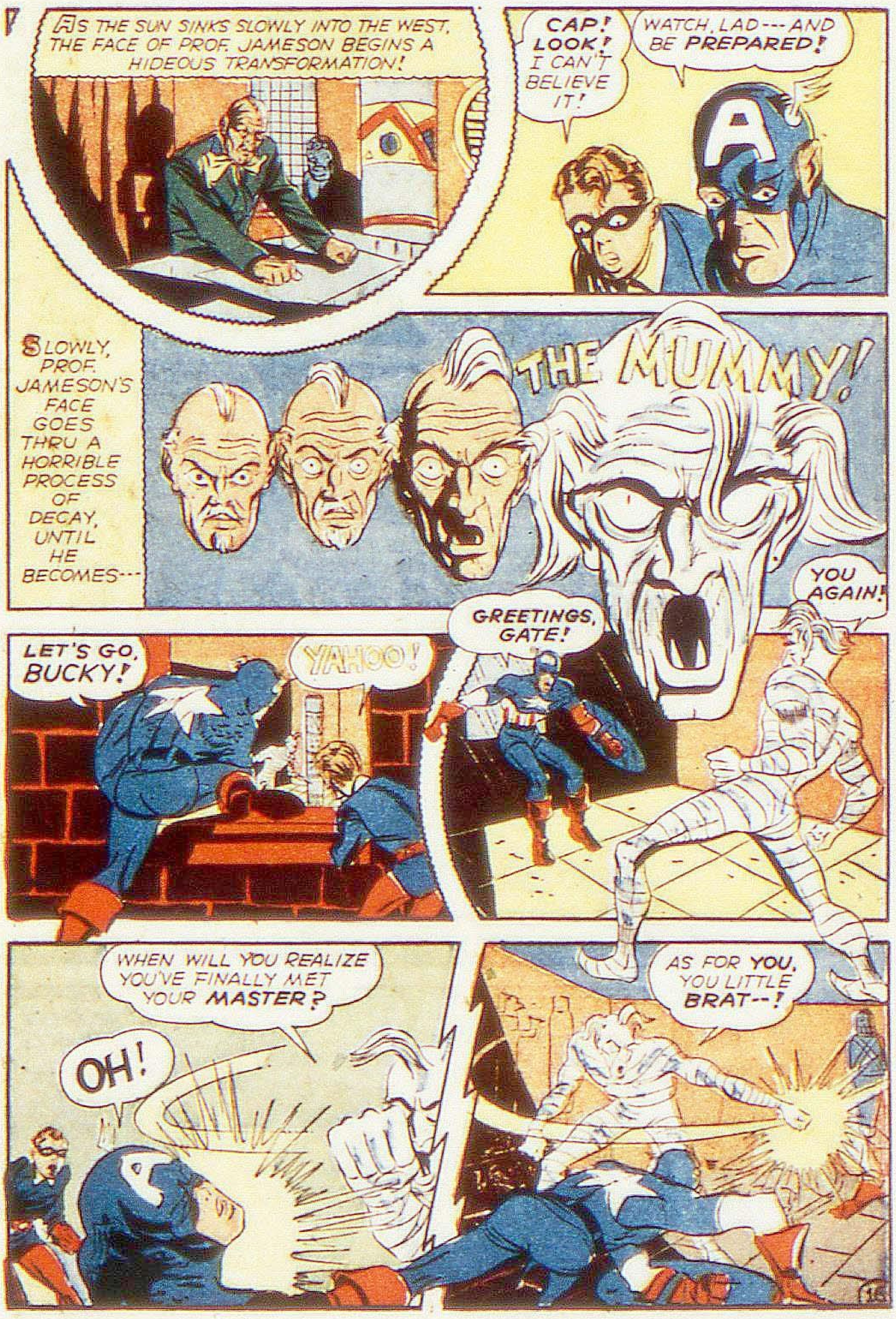

WHY YOU--!
I LET YOU LIVE BEFORE-- BUT NOW---
BUCKY RECEIVES A TERRIFIC BLOW, WHICH SENDS HIM REELING BACK, CRASHING AGAINST A STONE STATUE---
HA! HA! HA!
OH!
AS THE MUMMY TURNS AGAIN TO CAPTAIN AMERICA, HE GETS THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE---
DON'T COUNT ME OUT OF THIS, MUMMY!
STUMBLING BACK, THE MUMMY GRABS A SWORD FROM THE WALL, AND CHARGES TOWARD CAP--
THIS IS YOUR FINISH!
BUT BUCKY COMES OUT OF HIS COMA AND SEES CAP'S DANGER--
HOLY SMOKE! I'VE GOT TO SAVE CAP!
--AND PUSHES THE STATUE ONTO THE MUMMY!
HUH? WHAT TH--?
TRY TO DODGE THIS!

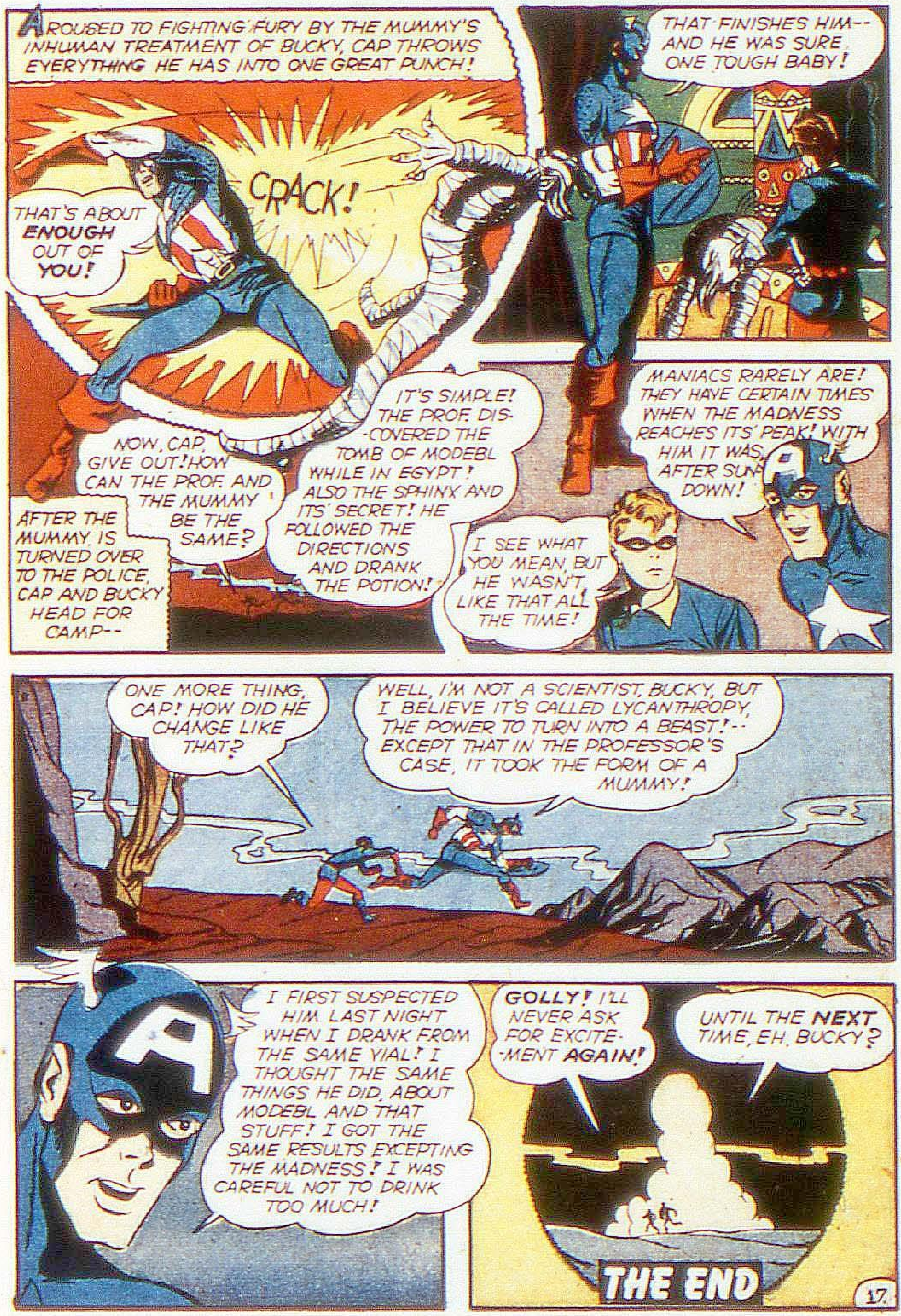

AS THE STATUE FALLS, THE MUMMY FLINGS THE SWORD AT CAP---
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!
--AND STRIKES CAP ON THE SPHINX AROUND HIS NECK--!
SIDE-STEPPING THE FALLEN STATUE, THE MUMMY SWIFTLY HEADS FOR ESCAPE!
CAP! HE'S GETTING AWAY!
LET HIM GO, BUCKY! LOOK HERE!
THE SPHINX! IT'S LAUGHING!
THE SWORD MUST HAVE STRUCK A SECRET SPRING! I'LL TRY MOVING THE TONGUE!
THE PROF. SAID, "THE KEY TO ALL IS WITH THE LAUGHING SPHINX"!
CAP MOVES THE TINY LEVER-LIKE TONGUE, AND THE SPHINX SWINGS IN HALF ON HINGES---
I'LL BE--
LOOK, BUCKY! A PIECE OF PAPER WRAPPED AROUND A VIAL OF LIQUID!
--AND WRITTEN ON THE PAPER--
IF YOU WOULD PENETRATE THE VEIL, THINK WELL OF WHAT YOU SEEK, AND QUAFF DEEP THE SACRED LOTION!


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT, CAP! DON'T!
KEEP YOUR COURAGE, KID! THIS MAY BE THE SOLUTION TO THE WHOLE MYSTERY! THOSE ANCIENT PEOPLES DID THINGS WITH MIND AND MATTER THAT OUR MODERN SCIENTISTS COULD ONLY GUESS AT!
CAP SIPS FROM THE VIAL, AND IMMEDIATELY BEGINS TO FEEL ITS' EFFECTS---
BUCKY! I-- I-- I-- FEEL---
AND, THE GREAT CAPTAIN AMERICA SUCCUMBS TO THE MYSTIC LIQUID!
CAP! CAP! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!?
SUDDENLY---!
BONG!
--A STRANGE APPARITION TAKES PLACE, AND CAP FINDS HIMSELF IN A GREAT HALL BEFORE THE LIVING FIGURE OF MODEBL, THE DEMON!
WELCOME, O MORTAL, TO THE COURT OF MODEBL! WHAT IS THY WISH?
I WISH FOR THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ALL YOU REPRESENT!


FOOLISH ONE! FOR THAT YOU SHALL SUFFER DESTRUCTION! SIEZE HIM!
QUICKLY, THE MUMMIES POUNCE ON CAP AND DRAG HIM UP TO THE THRONE---
ORDER YOUR STOOGES TO LET ME GO!
MODEBL DIPS HIS PEN INTO A BLOOD-FILLED SKULL AND PRONOUNCES CAPTAIN AMERICA'S DOOM!
THERE IS BUT ONE RETURN FOR YOU--TO CARRY THE CURSE OF THE MUMMY--AND TO SPREAD IT! THAT, I, MODEBL SHALL RULE!
SO YOU WANT ME TO BECOME LIKE THESE POOR CREATURES? YOU PICKED THE WRONG MAN!
THEN YOU SHALL DIE, AND YOUR SOUL WILL SIGN!
MADLY, CAP FIGHTS WITH EVERYTHING HE'S GOT, AGAINST THE FURY OF THE MUMMY -- SUBJECTS OF MODEBL!
KILL! KILL!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! OUT OF MY WAY!


SUDDENLY-- THE DRUG WEARS OFF--
OUT OF MY WAY! OUT--
HEY, CAP! SNAP OUT OF IT! YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING!
WOW! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!
HOLY CATS! I THOUGHT YOU HAD GONE CRAZY FOR SURE!
IF I HAD SWALLOWED THAT STUFF FROM THE VIAL, INSTEAD OF SIPPING IT, I WOULD HAVE-- THAT'S CONCENTRATED OPIUM! A COUPLE OF DROPS OF THAT WOULD EAT AWAY YOUR WHOLE BRAIN!
WHAT'S THIS DEMON YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT? AND HOW ABOUT THE PROF--?
TO-NIGHT, BUCKY, WE'LL BOTH KNOW THE ANSWERS! AS FOR THE PROF-- I THINK HE'S OKAY!
AND SO, WHEN EVENING COMES AROUND AGAIN, THE TWO ADVENTURERS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY--
I WISH YOU'D TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, CAP!
YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF SOON, LAD! CAREFUL NOW. NO NOISE!
CAP LOOK--! IT'S PROF. JAMESON!
QUIET, LAD! IT'S ALMOST TIME! THE SUN WILL SET IN A FEW MINUTES!


AS THE SUN SINKS SLOWLY INTO THE WEST, THE FACE OF PROF. JAMESON BEGINS A HIDEOUS TRANSFORMATION!
CAP! LOOK! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WATCH, LAD--- AND BE PREPARED!
SLOWLY, PROF. JAMESON'S FACE GOES THRU A HORRIBLE PROCESS OF DECAY, UNTIL HE BECOMES---
THE MUMMY!
LET'S GO, BUCKY!
YAHOO!
GREETINGS, GATE!
YOU AGAIN!
WHEN WILL YOU REALIZE YOU'VE FINALLY MET YOUR MASTER?
OH!
AS FOR YOU, YOU LITTLE BRAT--!


AROUSED TO FIGHTING FURY BY THE MUMMY'S INHUMAN TREATMENT OF BUCKY, CAP THROWS EVERYTHING HE HAS INTO ONE GREAT PUNCH!
THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH OUT OF YOU!
CRACK!
THAT FINISHES HIM-- AND HE WAS SURE ONE TOUGH BABY!
AFTER THE MUMMY IS TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, CAP AND BUCKY HEAD FOR CAMP--
NOW, CAP, GIVE OUT! HOW CAN THE PROF. AND THE MUMMY BE THE SAME?
IT'S SIMPLE! THE PROF. DISCOVERED THE TOMB OF MODEBL WHILE IN EGYPT! ALSO THE SPHINX AND ITS' SECRET! HE FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS AND DRANK THE POTION!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT HE WASN'T LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME!
MANIACS RARELY ARE! THEY HAVE CERTAIN TIMES WHEN THE MADNESS REACHES ITS' PEAK! WITH HIM IT WAS, AFTER SUNDOWN!
ONE MORE THING, CAP! HOW DID HE CHANGE LIKE THAT?
WELL, I'M NOT A SCIENTIST, BUCKY, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED LYCANTHROPY, THE POWER TO TURN INTO A BEAST!-- EXCEPT THAT IN THE PROFESSOR'S CASE, IT TOOK THE FORM OF A MUMMY!
I FIRST SUSPECTED HIM LAST NIGHT WHEN I DRANK FROM THE SAME VIAL! I THOUGHT THE SAME THINGS HE DID, ABOUT MODEBL AND THAT STUFF! I GOT THE SAME RESULTS EXCEPTING THE MADNESS! I WAS CAREFUL NOT TO DRINK TOO MUCH!
GOLLY! I'LL NEVER ASK FOR EXCITEMENT AGAIN!
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, EH, BUCKY?
THE END

Jinx MUTT

WATCHING Mr. Coates and Tom talk, Chris felt a wave of uneasiness sweep him. The mutt galloped awkwardly across the yard barking furiously, his beautiful yet ungainly body all bounces and sprawls and cavortings. Chris whistled but the mutt kept on going.

"He's the runt," Tom was explaining, making a pass at the mutt with his boot. "Just didn't grow up right."

Tom answered, "In your letter you said something about your daughter. You want a dog for her?"

Mr. Coates nodded. "That's it. You see Marjorie's just undergone a serious eye-operation and hasn't had the use of her eyes yet. We're staying in the country for the time being. I have a nurse but Marjorie's always wanted a dog. I think that would help. She's wandered away several times."

Chris collared the mutt, who flopped down on his haunches, tongue lolling. Chris said, "We've supplied dogs for about the same thing, Tom. Mr. Anderson bought one and Mr. Clover." Chris noted that Mr. Coates was watching the mutt interestedly and added hurriedly, "The mutt's not for sale. He's a kind of ugly duckling around here. Tom wanted to get rid of him—"

Mr. Coates said, "He's young. Perhaps that's all."

Tom shook his head. "It's more than that. Can't be trained. I worked on him, so did Jerry. Chris even took him in hand but all he's done is get into hot water."

TOM EXPLAINED, with a grin at Chris, "There's some pretty wild country around here. We're close to the coast range. Years ago some farmer kicked the bucket and before anyone knew anything about it, half his pigs took to the hills. Some of them have developed into rather unpleasant characters! We've had trouble with them. Chris and the mutt ran into an old grandpappy razorback, and the mutt came home! On the run. Chris spent the night in a tree."

Mr. Coates laughed softly and Chris felt hot color suffuse his cheeks.

"Sometimes," Mr. Coates soothed, "those dogs grow up over night. You'd be surprised at what fine animals they become!"

Tom said, "It'll be a long night before this one grows up."

That afternoon Chris took the mutt and went rabbit hunting. He hadn't gotten over the sting of this morning's encounter with Tom in front of Mr. Coates and a deep sense of injustice rankled within him over the rebukes heaped upon the luckless mutt's head.

"Maybe you're no darned good," Chris muttered as the mutt trotted, with a temporary streak of obediance, ahead of him along the trail. "But you're mine."

The mutt pulled up sharply. Away to their right from a field came the sharp call of quail and the mutt listened interestedly then began pussy-footing through the tall grass in the direction of the sound.

"Go ahead," Chris murmured. "Turn out to be a bird dog when you're supposed to be police! Make a sap out of me yet—"

The mutt continued his cautious advance. Chris watched curiously. It was like Mr. Coates had said. Sometimes a dog grew up almost over night. . . .

The mutt was perhaps thirty yards away. The meadow opened out, washing up the hill side in a glorious array of blue bells and morning glory. The mutt reached a crumbling section of stone wall. Once more the quail called sharply, clearly and the mutt started, his body tensing. He advanced another step and suddenly, almost directly beneath his nose the quail burst into the air with a thunder of wings that set the air to quivering.

THE MUTT fell back end over end with a startled yelp of surprise.

In spite of himself Chris chuckled. "Won't even turn out to be a bird dog, huh?"

They walked on down into the ravine, where the air was chill and sweet with the scent of wet banks along the stream, violets hidden deep in the dim woods. The trail led up the opposite side. The mutt trotted ahead, one ear up, one down. He turned aside to explore, evidently forgetting his scare of a half hour before. Chris walked on. . . .

Behind him in the woods came the startled yelping of the mutt. Chris whirled as the mutt came tearing out of the woods. He was galloping, his body bent in the middle, his awkward legs floundering through the high grass. He came from the side and before Chris realized what it was all about, the mutt hit him squarely on the legs, and Chris' feet went spinning from under him and he struck ground.

"You doggone dog!" Chris snapped. "Of all the clumsy tricks — come here! Come here!"

The mutt retreated. Something told him all was not well, and while freedom was within grasp he was passing up no opportunities. He turned tail and fled. Trouble was here and he wanted none of it. The hills were inviting and infinitely safer at the moment.

He didn't know where he was going. After a time he got over his scare once more and forgot his troubles.

FOR A LONG TIME he roamed the hills. It was afternoon and once he emerged upon the shoulder of a bare hill and saw below him the scattered roofs of the village, the church spire, even part of the kennels tucked away to the right. He turned and trotted on. He struck into an old tanbark trail and followed it. He rounded a bend and came to an abrupt pause. There, ahead of him, walking along the road was something. . . .

The mutt barked cheerfully. It was only a girl, a small one and he galloped toward her. He didn't notice that her eyes were bandaged, didn't realize that she was crying. The sound of it didn't mean much to him She stood stock still as he made friendly overtures and a moment later she was laughing. The mutt liked the sound. He'd never heard one quite like it before but it fell almost like music on his floppy ears. He started along the old road and the child followed, taking a firm grip of his collar.

"Let's go home," she told him. "You've got to take me there—"

There's little chance that the mutt understood. He was tickled with his new friendship he'd suddenly made.

The road made a turn, dropped down hill into a little valley. The late afternoon sun struck here and the air was warm and sweet.

Something snorted in the woods and the mutt paused, turning his head swiftly. What he saw probably chilled him deeply but this time he did not move. The old razorback sow herded her brood down the side of the gully, started across. . . .

She saw them then and a motherly grunt sent her young ones tearing back into the woods while she stood there, head down, wicked black eyes surveying the scene before her A moment later she charged!

The mutt shook off the small hand holding him. The hair had come along his back and he flashed forward.

THEY MET in the center of the gully and the mutt slashed sharp fangs deep, feeling himself twisted and flung. But his hold altered the course of the sow and as he scrambled up again, she came in, the sounds issuing from her throat resembling a combination steam whistle and siren. The mutt leaped aside, lashing again with long fangs, sinking them deep. He felt himself twisted, hurled again. His lithe body struck a tree and he staggered to his feet, trembling, dazed.

He tried to fix his eyes upon his opponent. She came at him from the side, sweeping him under sharp feet, crushing him to the ground as her heavy body tore over him. She went crashing into the brush, turning to come back. She was off to the side. Out in the gully she saw the child and charged toward the sight of the white dress spotlighted in the late afternoon sunlight.

The child sensed the danger and cried out and the mutt came to his feet. Strength poured back into him as he shook his battered body. He hurled himself forward coming in from the side, catching the sow squarely. His fangs ripped deeply and he clung. The weight of his charge threw them over but he retained his hold, bracing his back against the ground, flinging the razorback when she tried to mount stubby legs.

She made a last desperate effort to shake him off. His teeth ripped out and he lost his hold. But he whirled and came in with a rush as the sow tottered to her feet. Again he drove his fangs home and this time they stayed!

Victory was sweet. The mutt limped beside the child. They followed the trail out of the gully.

Up in the shadow someone whistled. The mutt knew that whistle and stopped, trembling. Chris shouted, started to run. Behind him came Mr. Coates. In a moment they were grouped about them, Chris standing close beside the mutt, Mr. Coates gathering the child close to him.

"She wandered away," Mr. Coates said hoarsely.

Chris said softly, "The mutt's been fighting. Here comes Tom out of the gully. . . ."

Tom reached them, nodded grimly. "The mutt did it all right. Razorback down there. Finished!"

THE MUTT stood stiffly at attention. He didn't know what it was all about but he was happy about it just the same.

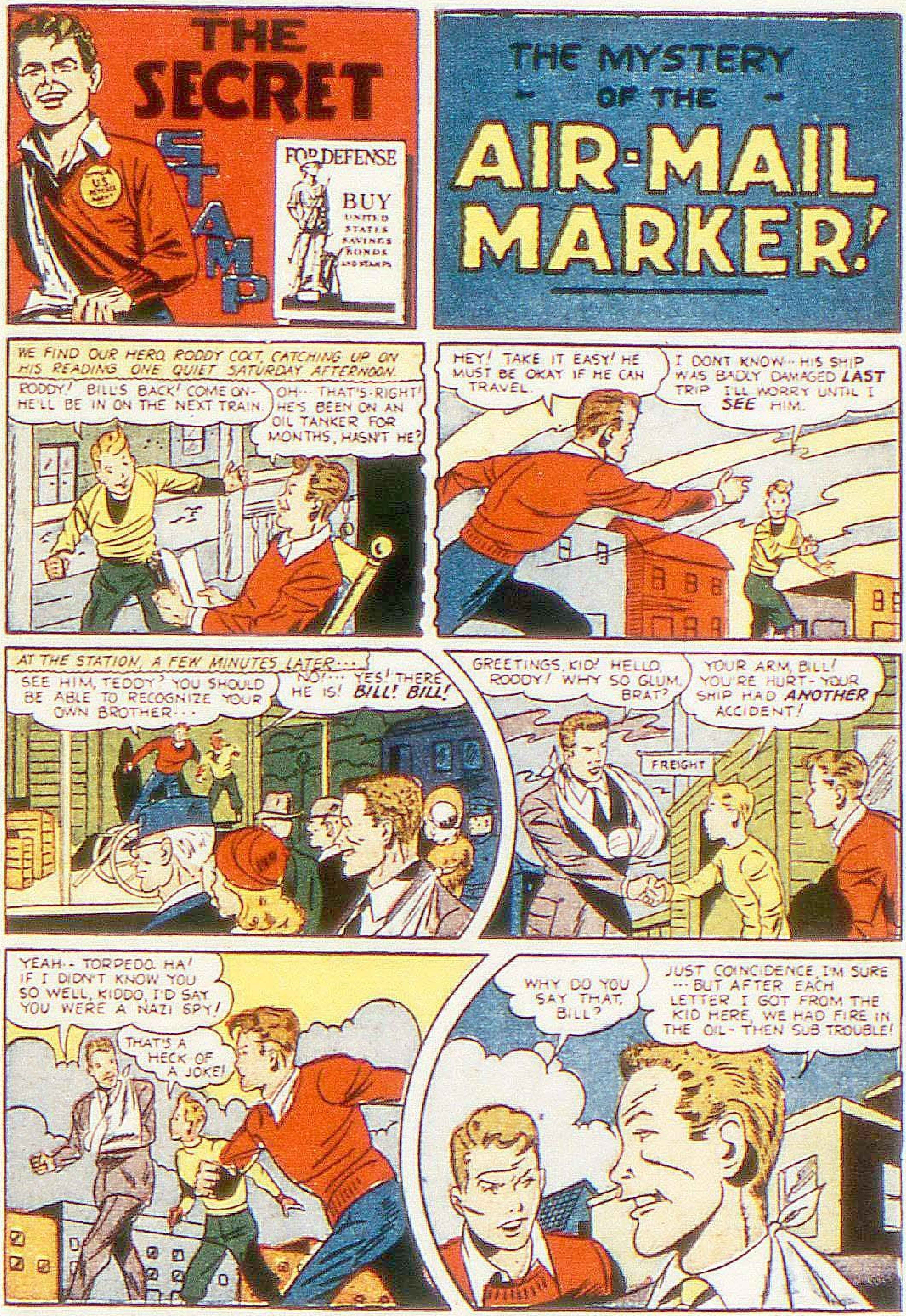
"I want that dog," Mr. Coates said, meeting Chris' eyes. "If you'll sell him."

Chris hesitated. Finally he shook his head. "Well, I sort of thought he'd come with me now, when I go . . The army needs good dogs." He patted the mutt. "I'm sure Tom can fix you up with another—"

"Not as good—"

Chris grinned. "You're right! *None* of them could be as good as the mutt!"

The End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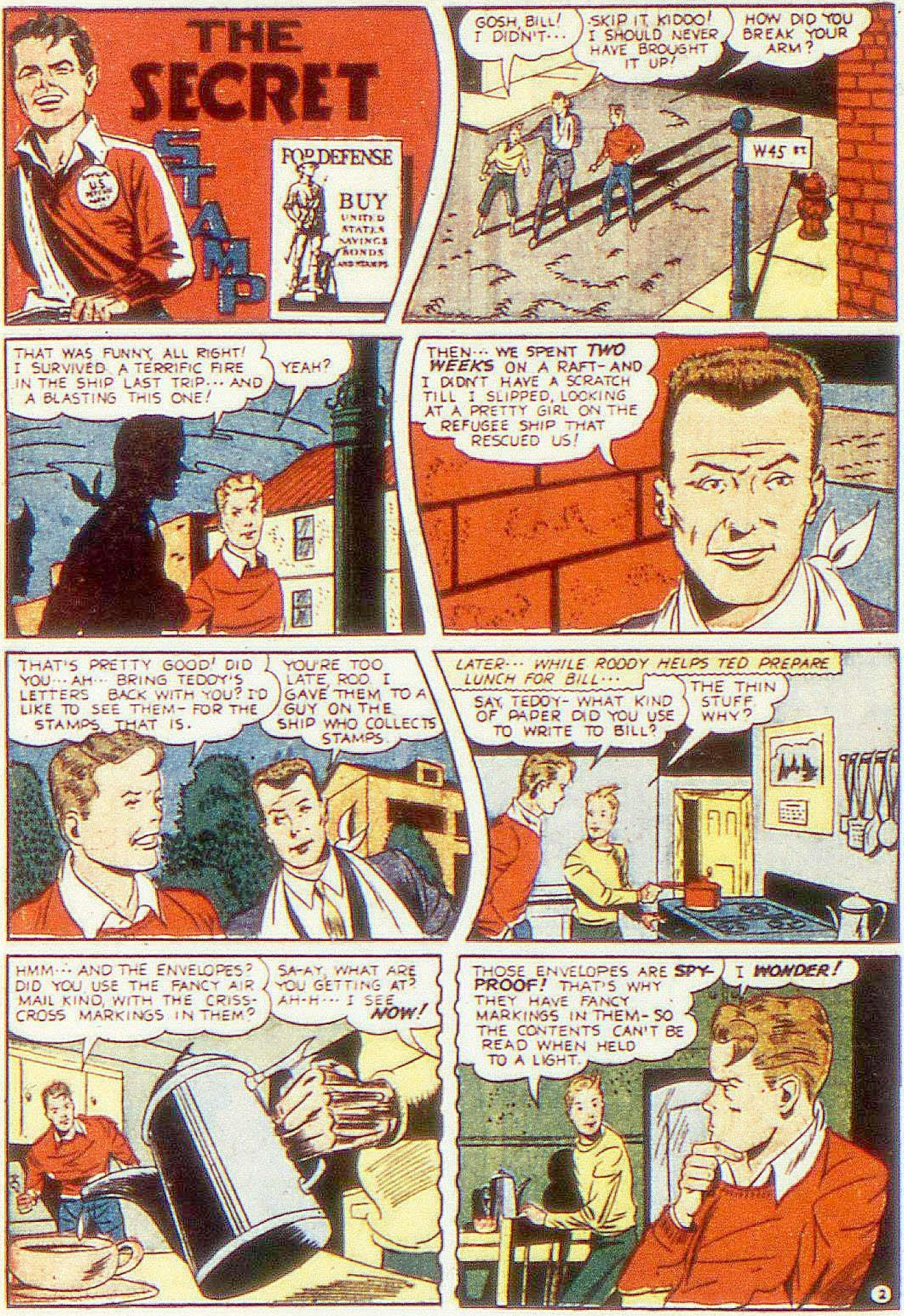
FOR DEFENSE
BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS
U.S.
THE MYSTERY OF THE AIR-MAIL MARKER!
WE FIND OUR HERO, RODDY COLT, CATCHING UP ON HIS READING ONE QUIET SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
RODDY! BILL'S BACK! COME ON- HE'LL BE IN ON THE NEXT TRAIN.
OH··· THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S BEEN ON AN OIL TANKER FOR MONTHS, HASN'T HE?
HEY! TAKE IT EASY! HE MUST BE OKAY IF HE CAN TRAVEL.
I DONT KNOW··HIS SHIP WAS BADLY DAMAGED LAST TRIP. I'LL WORRY UNTIL I SEE HIM.
AT THE STATION, A FEW MINUTES LATER···
SEE HIM, TEDDY? YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN BROTHER···
NO!··· YES! THERE HE IS! BILL! BILL!
GREETINGS, KID! HELLO, RODDY! WHY SO GLUM, BRAT?
YOUR ARM, BILL! YOU'RE HURT- YOUR SHIP HAD ANOTHER ACCIDENT!
FREIGHT
YEAH-- TORPEDO. HA! IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SO WELL, KIDDO, I'D SAY YOU WERE A NAZI SPY!
THAT'S A HECK OF A JOKE!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT, BILL?
JUST COINCIDENCE, I'M SURE ··· BUT AFTER EACH LETTER I GOT FROM THE KID HERE, WE HAD FIRE IN THE OIL- THEN SUB TROUBLE!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GOSH, BILL! I DIDN'T···
SKIP IT, KIDDO! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT IT UP!
HOW DID YOU BREAK YOUR ARM?
W45 ST.
THAT WAS FUNNY, ALL RIGHT! I SURVIVED A TERRIFIC FIRE IN THE SHIP LAST TRIP··· AND A BLASTING THIS ONE!
YEAH?
THEN··· WE SPENT **TWO WEEKS** ON A RAFT- AND I DIDN'T HAVE A SCRATCH TILL I SLIPPED, LOOKING AT A PRETTY GIRL ON THE REFUGEE SHIP THAT RESCUED US!
THAT'S PRETTY GOOD! DID YOU··· AH··· BRING TEDDY'S LETTERS BACK WITH YOU? I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM- FOR THE STAMPS, THAT IS.
YOU'RE TOO LATE, ROD. I GAVE THEM TO A GUY ON THE SHIP WHO COLLECTS STAMPS.
LATER··· WHILE RODDY HELPS TED PREPARE LUNCH FOR BILL···
SAY, TEDDY- WHAT KIND OF PAPER DID YOU USE TO WRITE TO BILL?
THE THIN STUFF. WHY?
HMM··· AND THE ENVELOPES? DID YOU USE THE FANCY AIR MAIL KIND, WITH THE CRISS-CROSS MARKINGS IN THEM?
SA-AY, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT? AH-H··· I SEE **NOW!**
THOSE ENVELOPES ARE **SPY-PROOF!** THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE FANCY MARKINGS IN THEM- SO THE CONTENTS CAN'T BE READ WHEN HELD TO A LIGHT.
I **WONDER!**
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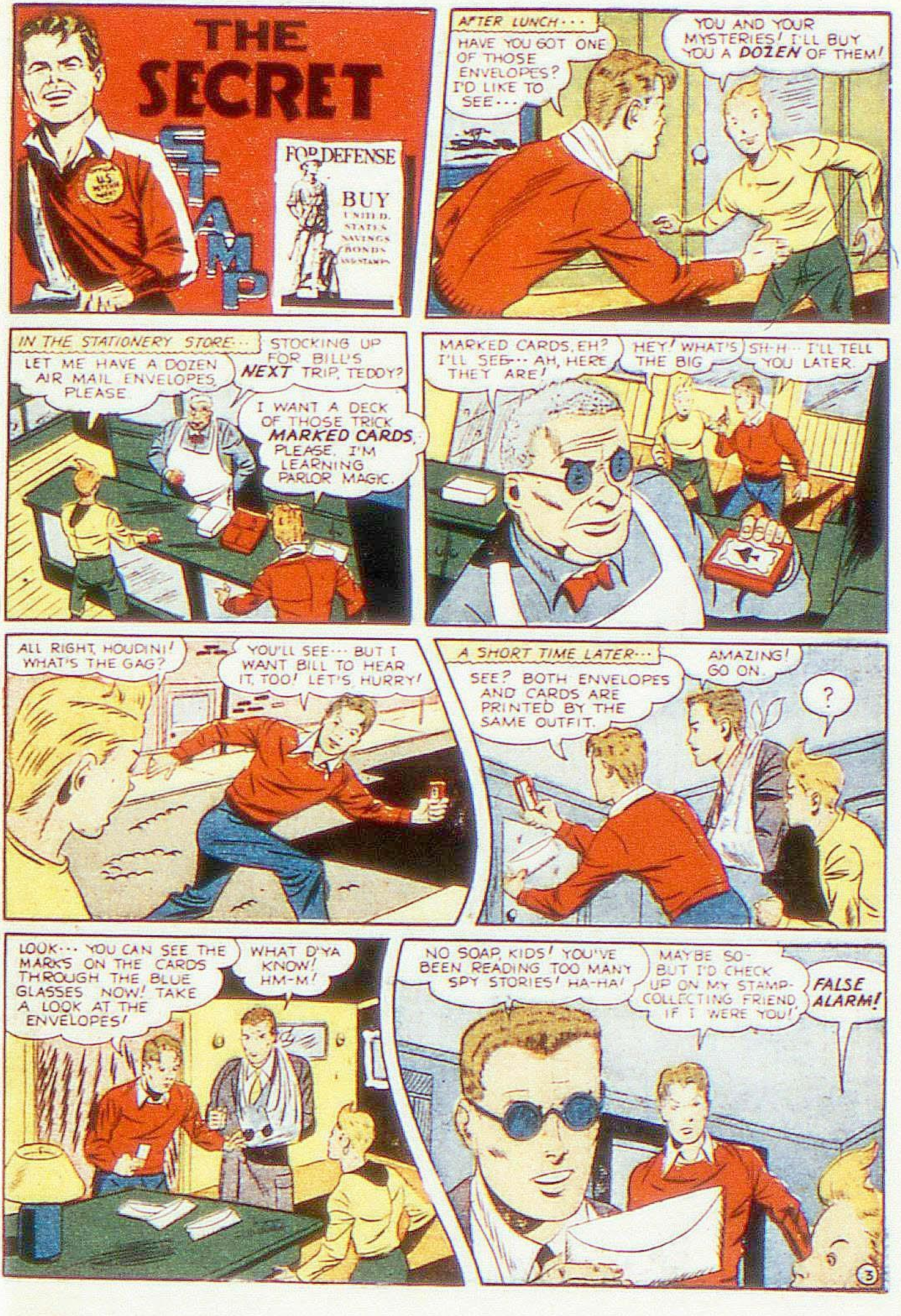
THE SECRET STAMP
U.S. ...
FOR DEFENSE
BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS
AFTER LUNCH...
HAVE YOU GOT ONE OF THOSE ENVELOPES? I'D LIKE TO SEE...
YOU AND YOUR MYSTERIES! I'LL BUY YOU A DOZEN OF THEM!
IN THE STATIONERY STORE...
LET ME HAVE A DOZEN AIR MAIL ENVELOPES, PLEASE.
STOCKING UP FOR BILL'S NEXT TRIP, TEDDY?
I WANT A DECK OF THOSE TRICK MARKED CARDS, PLEASE. I'M LEARNING PARLOR MAGIC.
MARKED CARDS, EH? I'LL SEE... AH, HERE THEY ARE!
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG
SH-H... I'LL TELL YOU LATER.
ALL RIGHT, HOUDINI! WHAT'S THE GAG?
YOU'LL SEE... BUT I WANT BILL TO HEAR IT, TOO! LET'S HURRY!
A SHORT TIME LATER...
SEE? BOTH ENVELOPES AND CARDS ARE PRINTED BY THE SAME OUTFIT.
AMAZING! GO ON.
?
LOOK... YOU CAN SEE THE MARKS ON THE CARDS THROUGH THE BLUE GLASSES NOW! TAKE A LOOK AT THE ENVELOPES!
WHAT D'YA KNOW! HM-M!
NO SOAP, KIDS! YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY SPY STORIES! HA-HA!
MAYBE SO-BUT I'D CHECK UP ON MY STAMP-COLLECTING FRIEND, IF I WERE YOU!
FALSE ALARM!
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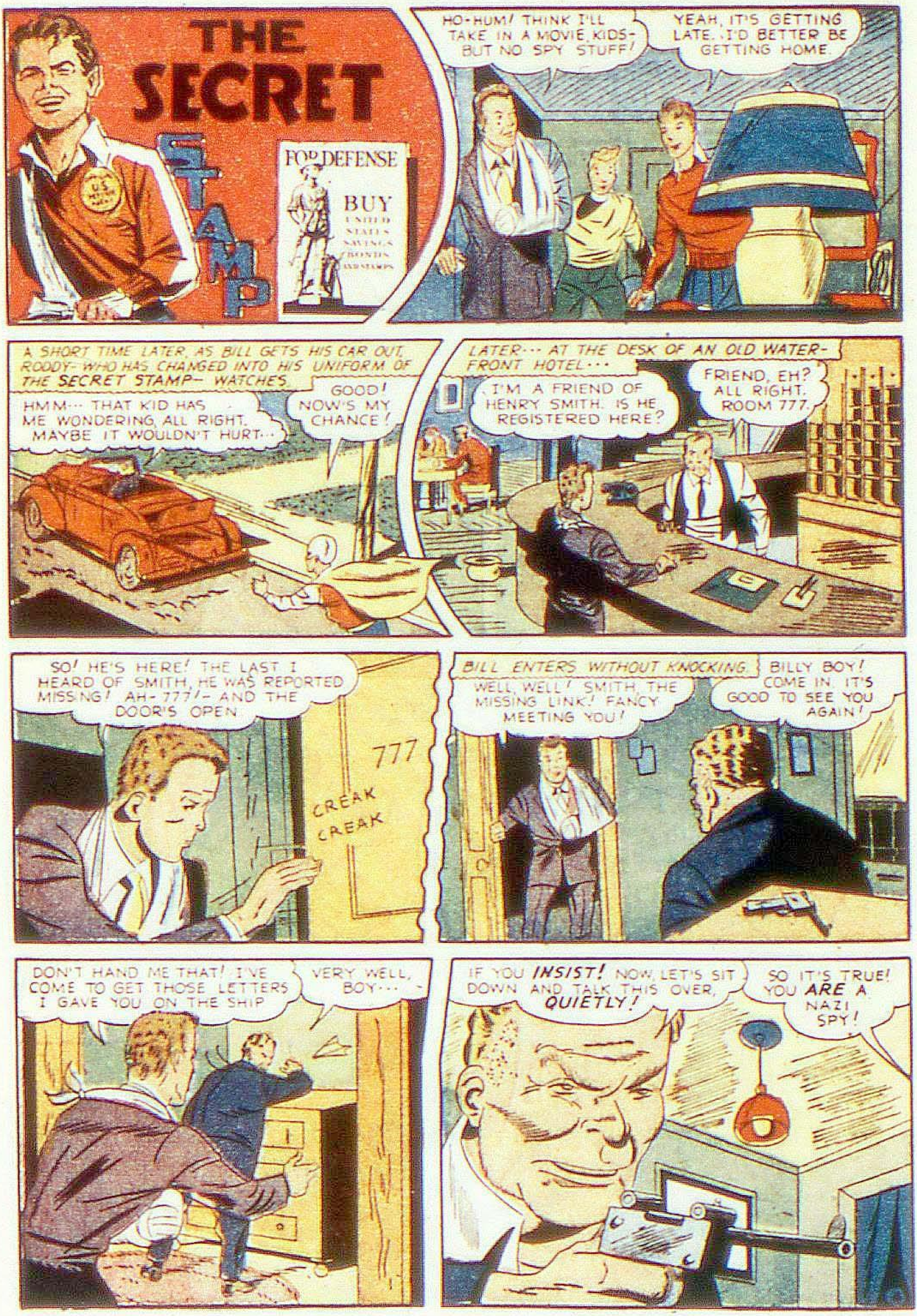
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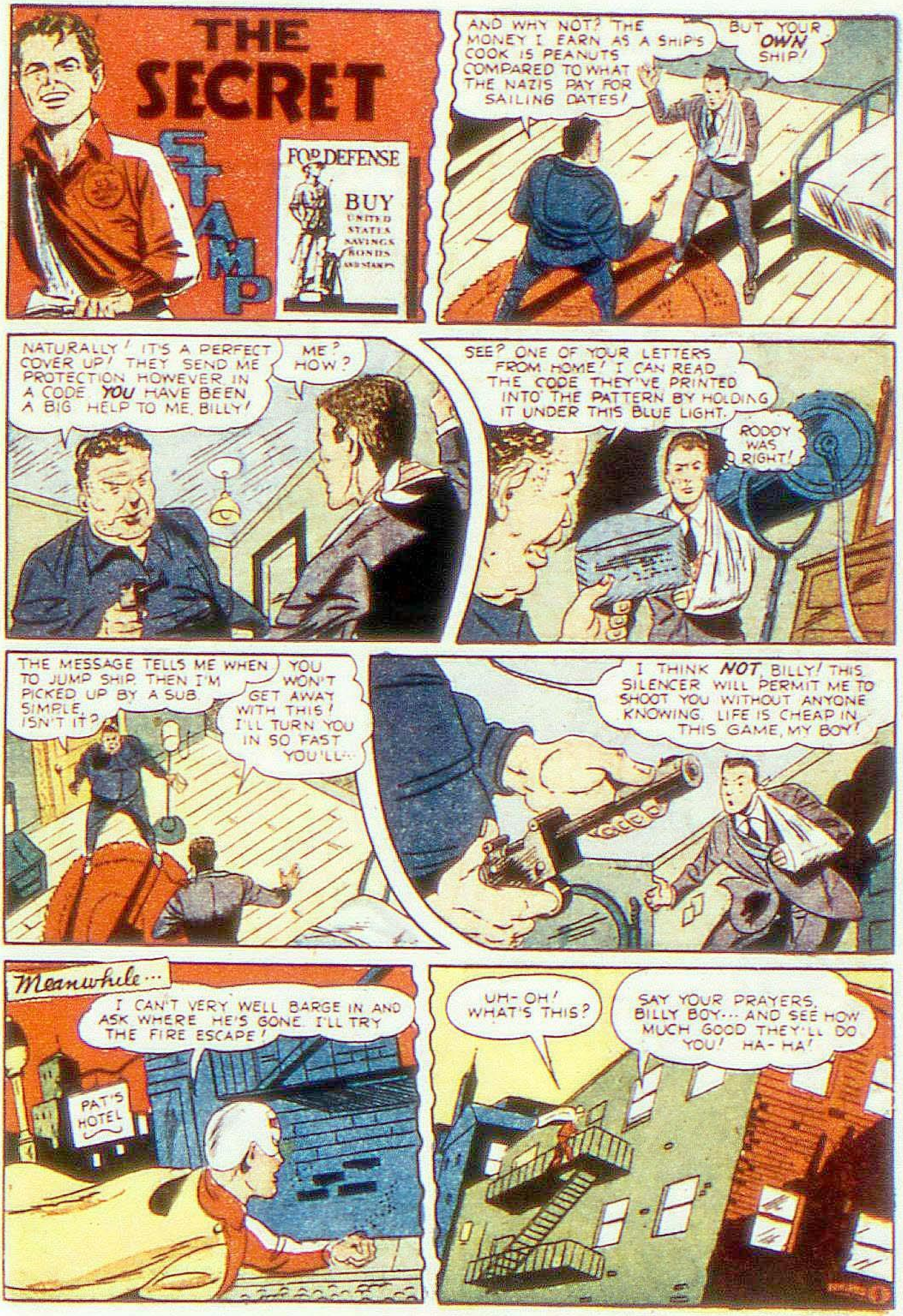
HO-HUM! THINK I'LL TAKE IN A MOVIE, KIDS- BUT NO SPY STUFF!
YEAH, IT'S GETTING LATE. I'D BETTER BE GETTING HOME.
A SHORT TIME LATER, AS BILL GETS HIS CAR OUT, RODDY- WHO HAS CHANGED INTO HIS UNIFORM OF THE SECRET STAMP- WATCHES.
HMM··· THAT KID HAS ME WONDERING, ALL RIGHT. MAYBE IT WOULDN'T HURT···
GOOD! NOW'S MY CHANCE!
LATER··· AT THE DESK OF AN OLD WATER-FRONT HOTEL···
I'M A FRIEND OF HENRY SMITH. IS HE REGISTERED HERE?
FRIEND, EH? ALL RIGHT. ROOM 777.
SO! HE'S HERE! THE LAST I HEARD OF SMITH, HE WAS REPORTED MISSING! AH- 777!- AND THE DOOR'S OPEN
777
CREAK CREAK
BILL ENTERS WITHOUT KNOCKING.
WELL, WELL! SMITH, THE MISSING LINK! FANCY MEETING YOU!
BILLY BOY! COME IN. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
DON'T HAND ME THAT! I'VE COME TO GET THOSE LETTERS I GAVE YOU ON THE SHIP
VERY WELL, BOY···
IF YOU INSIST! NOW, LET'S SIT DOWN AND TALK THIS OVER, QUIETLY!
SO IT'S TRUE! YOU ARE A NAZI SPY!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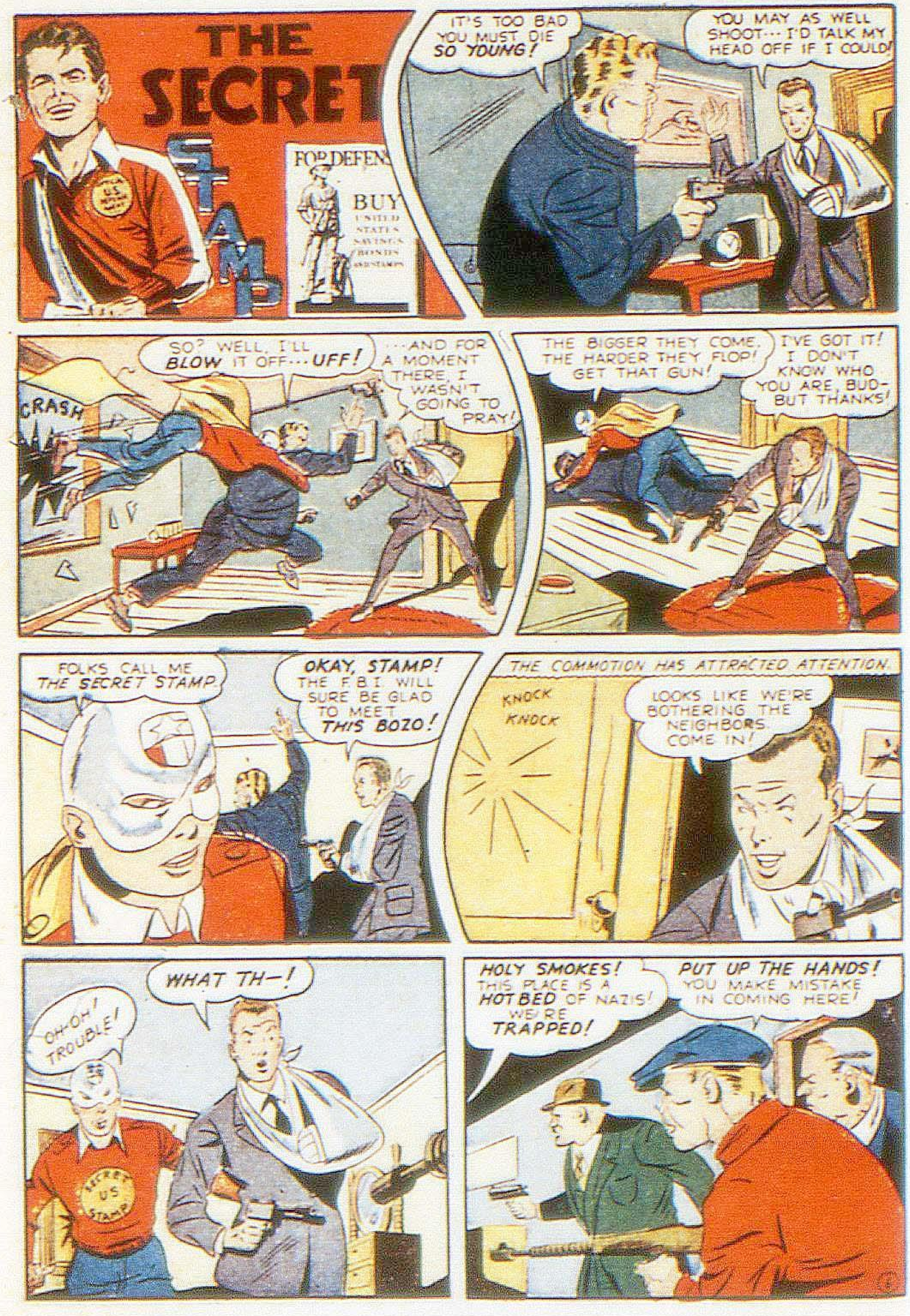
AND WHY NOT? THE MONEY I EARN AS A SHIP'S COOK IS PEANUTS COMPARED TO WHAT THE NAZIS PAY FOR SAILING DATES!
BUT YOUR *OWN* SHIP!
NATURALLY! IT'S A PERFECT COVER UP! THEY SEND ME PROTECTION HOWEVER IN A CODE. *YOU* HAVE BEEN A BIG HELP TO ME, BILLY!
ME? HOW?
SEE? ONE OF YOUR LETTERS FROM HOME! I CAN READ THE CODE THEY'VE PRINTED INTO THE PATTERN BY HOLDING IT UNDER THIS BLUE LIGHT.
RODDY WAS RIGHT!
THE MESSAGE TELLS ME WHEN TO JUMP SHIP. THEN I'M PICKED UP BY A SUB. SIMPLE, ISN'T IT?
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! I'LL TURN YOU IN SO FAST YOU'LL...
I THINK *NOT*, BILLY! THIS SILENCER WILL PERMIT ME TO SHOOT YOU WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING. LIFE IS CHEAP IN THIS GAME, MY BOY!
Meanwhile...
I CAN'T VERY WELL BARGE IN AND ASK WHERE HE'S GONE. I'LL TRY THE FIRE ESCAPE!
PAT'S HOTEL
UH-OH! WHAT'S THIS?
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BILLY BOY... AND SEE HOW MUCH GOOD THEY'LL DO YOU! HA-HA!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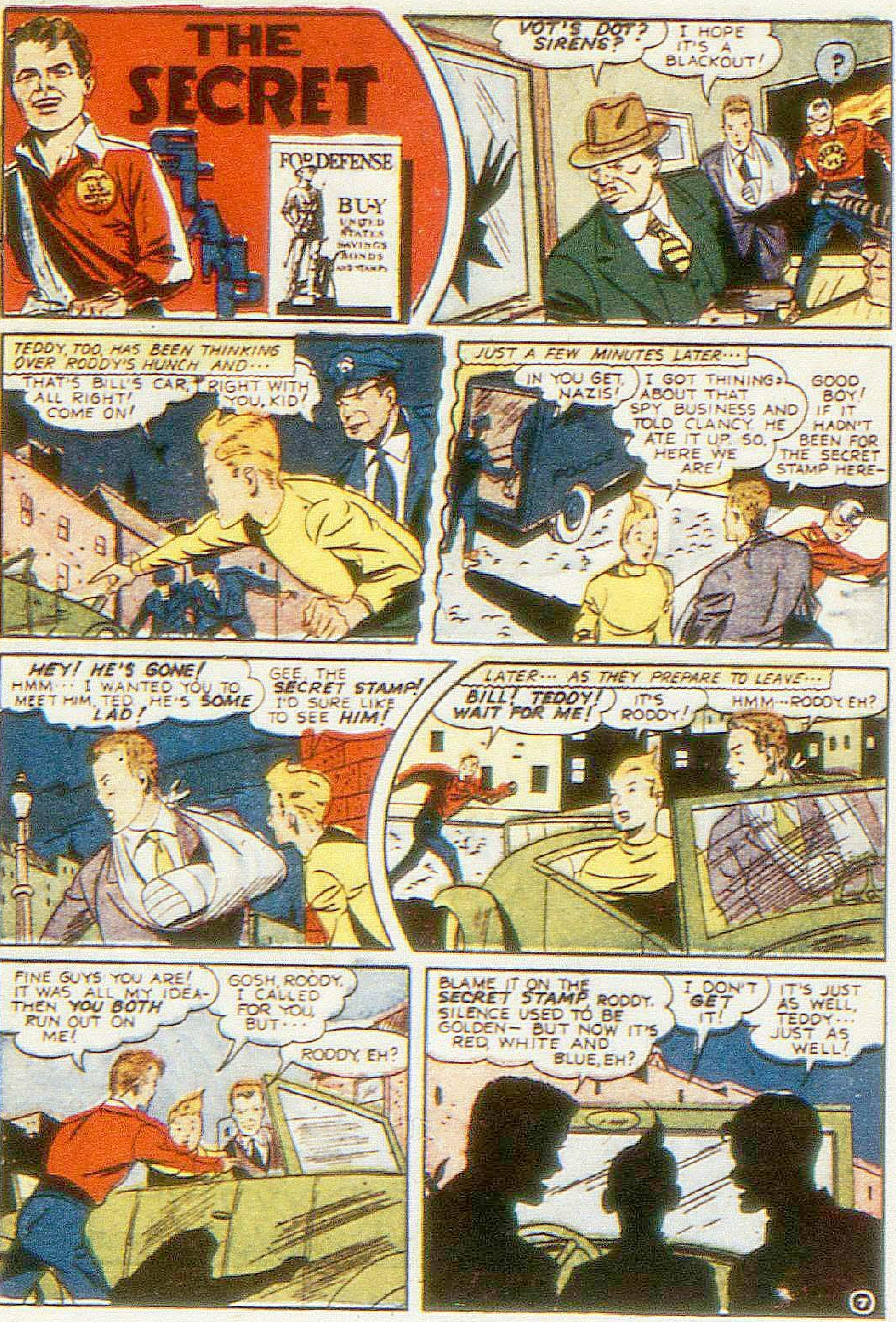
SECRET US STAMP
IT'S TOO BAD YOU MUST DIE SO YOUNG!
YOU MAY AS WELL SHOOT... I'D TALK MY HEAD OFF IF I COULD!
SO? WELL, I'LL BLOW IT OFF... UFF!
CRASH
...AND FOR A MOMENT THERE, I WASN'T GOING TO PRAY!
THE BIGGER THEY COME, THE HARDER THEY FLOP! GET THAT GUN!
I'VE GOT IT! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUD-BUT THANKS!
FOLKS CALL ME THE SECRET STAMP.
OKAY, STAMP! THE F.B.I. WILL SURE BE GLAD TO MEET THIS BOZO!
THE COMMOTION HAS ATTRACTED ATTENTION.
KNOCK KNOCK
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BOTHERING THE NEIGHBORS. COME IN!
WHAT TH-!
OH-OH! TROUBLE!
SECRET US STAMP
HOLY SMOKES! THIS PLACE IS A HOTBED OF NAZIS! WE'RE TRAPPED!
PUT UP THE HANDS! YOU MAKE MISTAKE IN COMING HERE!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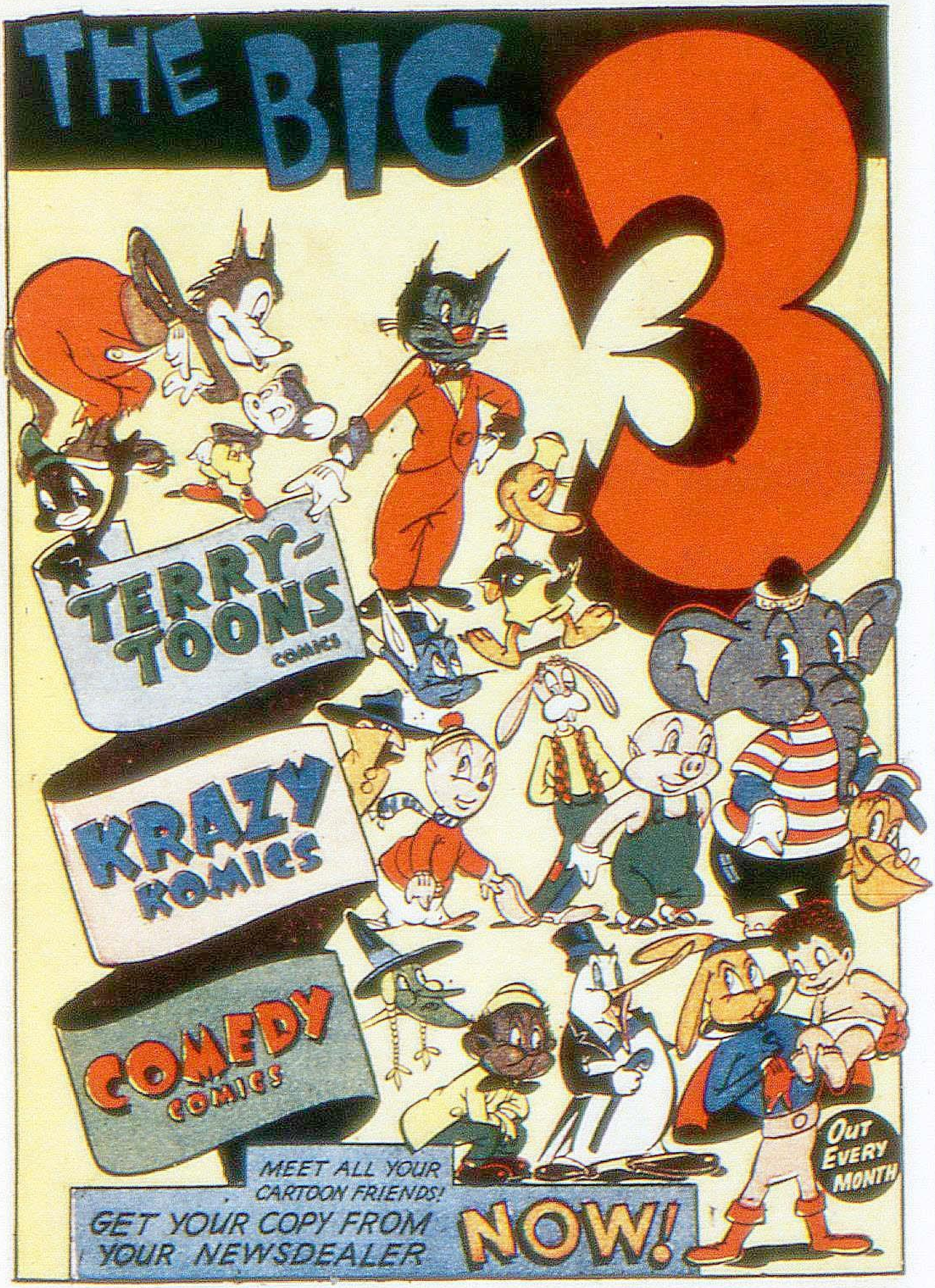
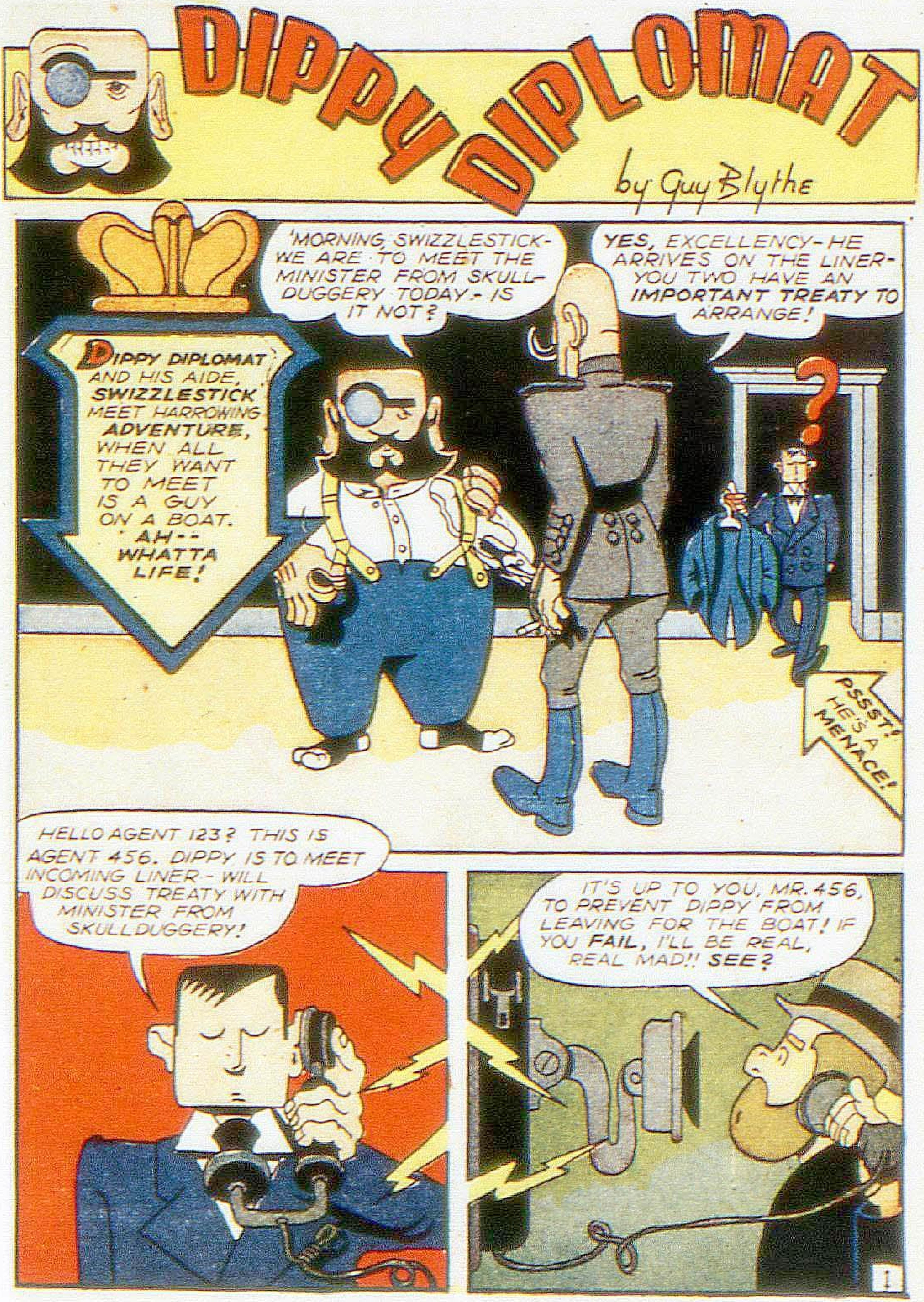
VOT'S DOT? SIRENS?
I HOPE IT'S A BLACKOUT!
?
TEDDY, TOO, HAS BEEN THINKING OVER RODDY'S HUNCH AND···
THAT'S BILL'S CAR, ALL RIGHT! COME ON!
RIGHT WITH YOU, KID!
JUST A FEW MINUTES LATER···
IN YOU GET, NAZIS!
I GOT THINING ABOUT THAT SPY BUSINESS AND TOLD CLANCY. HE ATE IT UP. SO, HERE WE ARE!
GOOD BOY! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE SECRET STAMP HERE–
HEY! HE'S GONE! HMM ·· I WANTED YOU TO MEET HIM, TED. HE'S SOME LAD!
GEE, THE SECRET STAMP! I'D SURE LIKE TO SEE HIM!
LATER··· AS THEY PREPARE TO LEAVE···
BILL! TEDDY! WAIT FOR ME!
IT'S RODDY!
HMM··RODDY, EH?
FINE GUYS YOU ARE! IT WAS ALL MY IDEA– THEN YOU BOTH RUN OUT ON ME!
GOSH, RODDY, I CALLED FOR YOU, BUT···
RODDY, EH?
BLAME IT ON THE SECRET STAMP, RODDY. SILENCE USED TO BE GOLDEN– BUT NOW IT'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE, EH?
I DON'T GET IT!
IT'S JUST AS WELL, TEDDY··· JUST AS WELL!


THE BIG 3
TERRY-TOONS COMICS
KRAZY KOMICS
COMEDY COMICS
MEET ALL YOUR CARTOON FRIENDS!
GET YOUR COPY FROM YOUR NEWSDEALER
NOW!
OUT EVERY MONTH

DIPPY DIPLOMAT

by Guy Blythe


DIPPY DIPLOMAT AND HIS AIDE, SWIZZLESTICK MEET HARROWING ADVENTURE, WHEN ALL THEY WANT TO MEET IS A GUY ON A BOAT. AH--WHATTA LIFE!
'MORNING, SWIZZLESTICK- WE ARE TO MEET THE MINISTER FROM SKULLDUGGERY TODAY.- IS IT NOT?
YES, EXCELLENCY- HE ARRIVES ON THE LINER- YOU TWO HAVE AN IMPORTANT TREATY TO ARRANGE!
PSSSST! HE'S A MENACE!
HELLO AGENT 123? THIS IS AGENT 456. DIPPY IS TO MEET INCOMING LINER- WILL DISCUSS TREATY WITH MINISTER FROM SKULLDUGGERY!
IT'S UP TO YOU, MR. 456, TO PREVENT DIPPY FROM LEAVING FOR THE BOAT! IF YOU FAIL, I'LL BE REAL, REAL MAD!! SEE?
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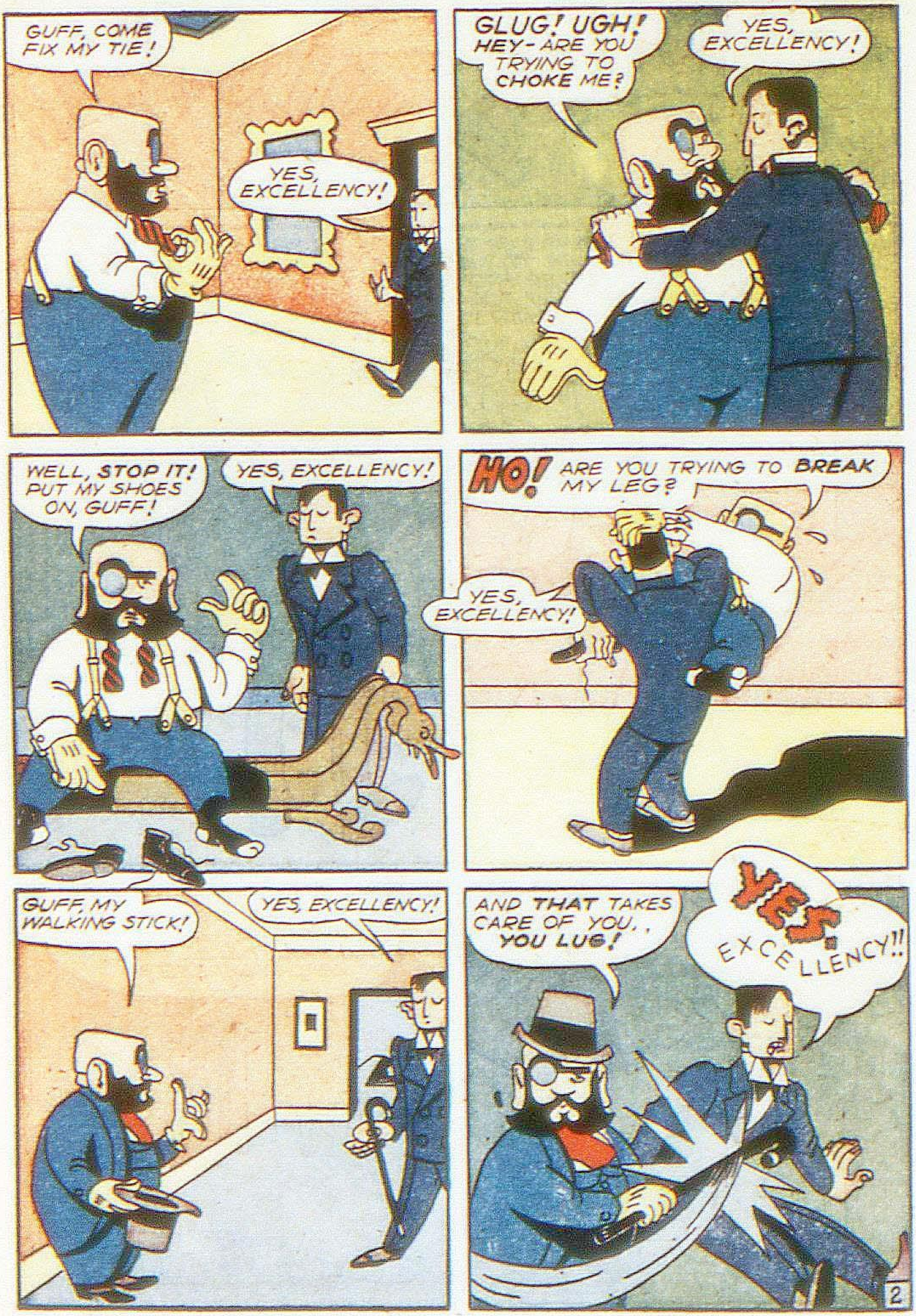
GUFF, COME FIX MY TIE!
YES, EXCELLENCY!
GLUG! UGH! HEY- ARE YOU TRYING TO CHOKE ME?
YES, EXCELLENCY!
WELL, STOP IT! PUT MY SHOES ON, GUFF!
YES, EXCELLENCY!
HO! ARE YOU TRYING TO BREAK MY LEG?
YES, EXCELLENCY!
GUFF, MY WALKING STICK!
YES, EXCELLENCY!
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF YOU, , YOU LUG!
YES, EXCELLENCY!!
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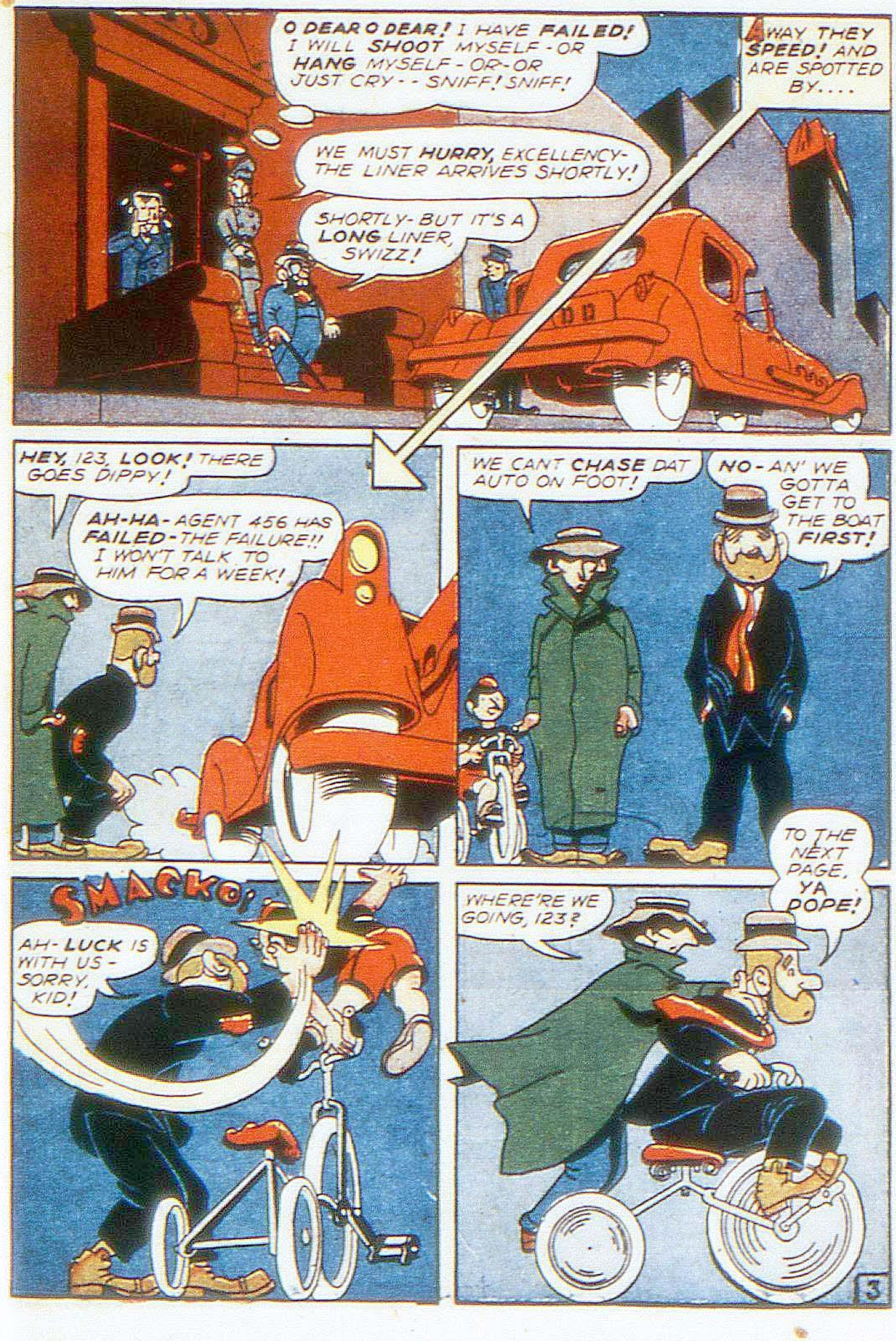
O DEAR O DEAR! I HAVE FAILED! I WILL SHOOT MYSELF - OR HANG MYSELF - OR - OR JUST CRY - - SNIFF! SNIFF!
AWAY THEY SPEED! AND ARE SPOTTED BY....
WE MUST HURRY, EXCELLENCY - THE LINER ARRIVES SHORTLY!
SHORTLY - BUT IT'S A LONG LINER, SWIZZ!
HEY, 123, LOOK! THERE GOES DIPPY!
AH-HA - AGENT 456 HAS FAILED - THE FAILURE!! I WON'T TALK TO HIM FOR A WEEK!
WE CANT CHASE DAT AUTO ON FOOT!
NO - AN' WE GOTTA GET TO THE BOAT FIRST!
SMACKO!
AH - LUCK IS WITH US - SORRY, KID!
WHERE'RE WE GOING, 123?
TO THE NEXT PAGE, YA DOPE!
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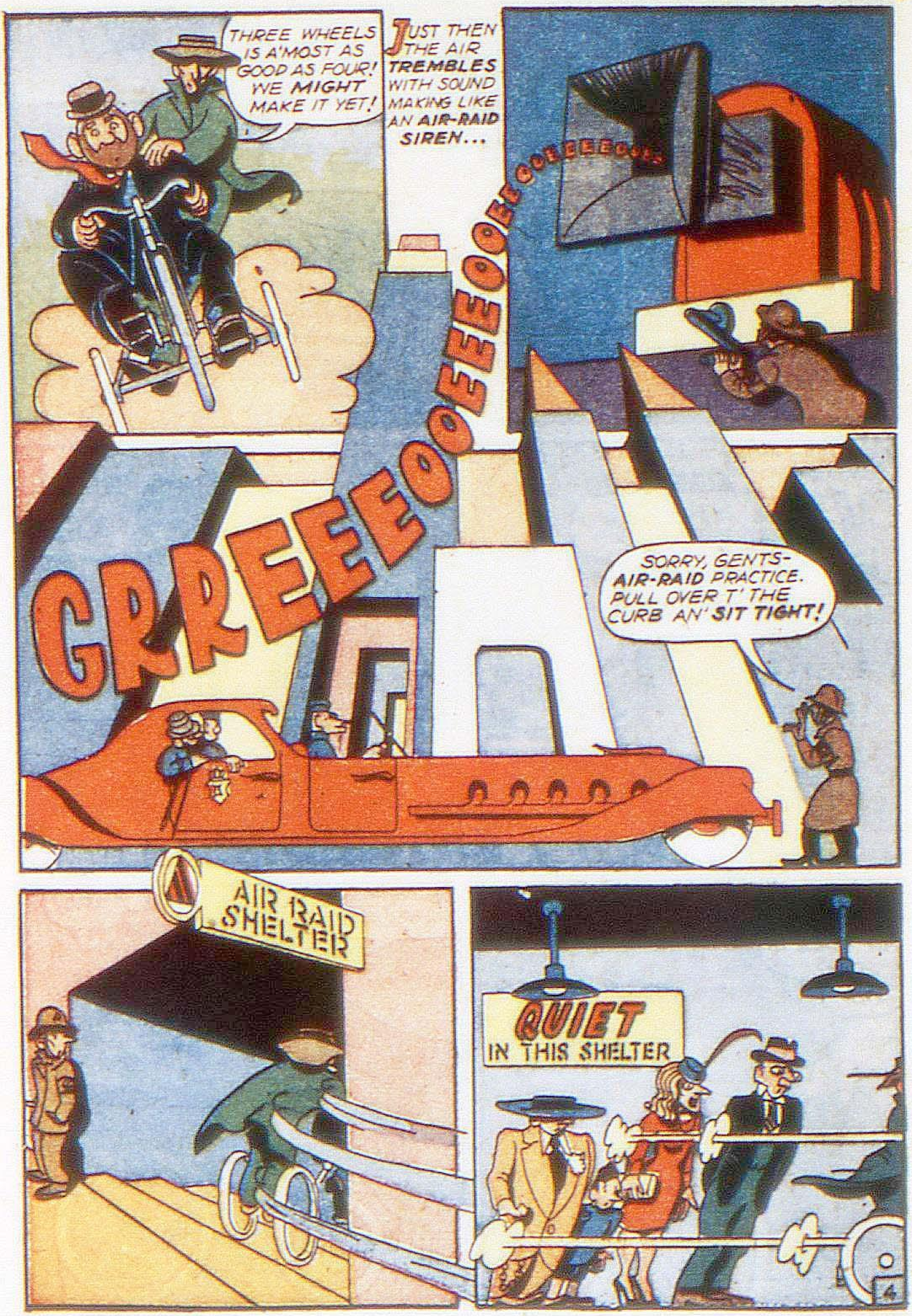
THREE WHEELS IS A'MOST AS GOOD AS FOUR! WE MIGHT MAKE IT YET!
JUST THEN THE AIR TREMBLES WITH SOUND MAKING LIKE AN AIR-RAID SIREN...
GRREEEEOOEEEOOEEEOOEEEEEOOEEE
SORRY, GENTS- AIR-RAID PRACTICE. PULL OVER T' THE CURB AN' SIT TIGHT!
AIR RAID SHELTER
QUIET IN THIS SHELTER
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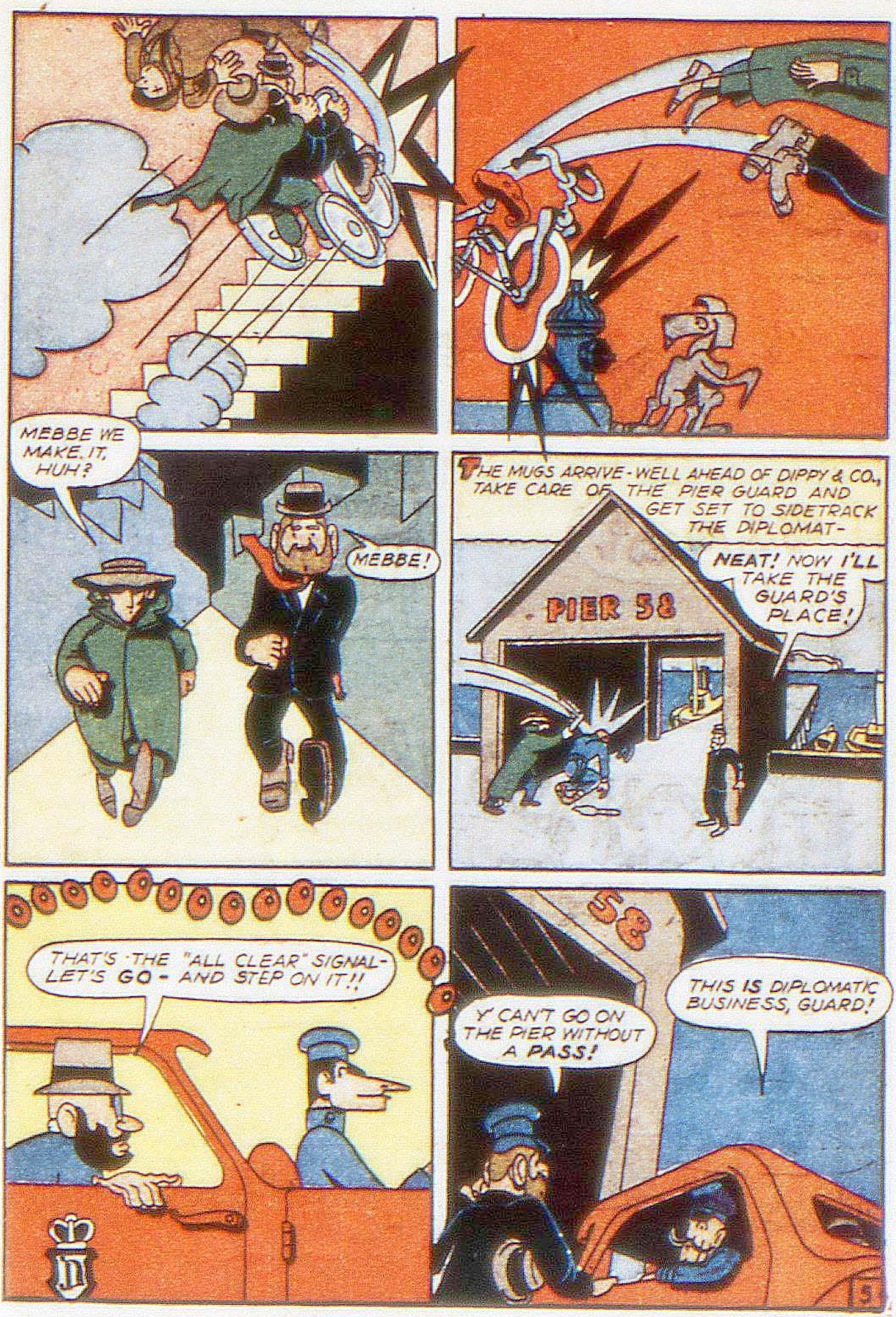
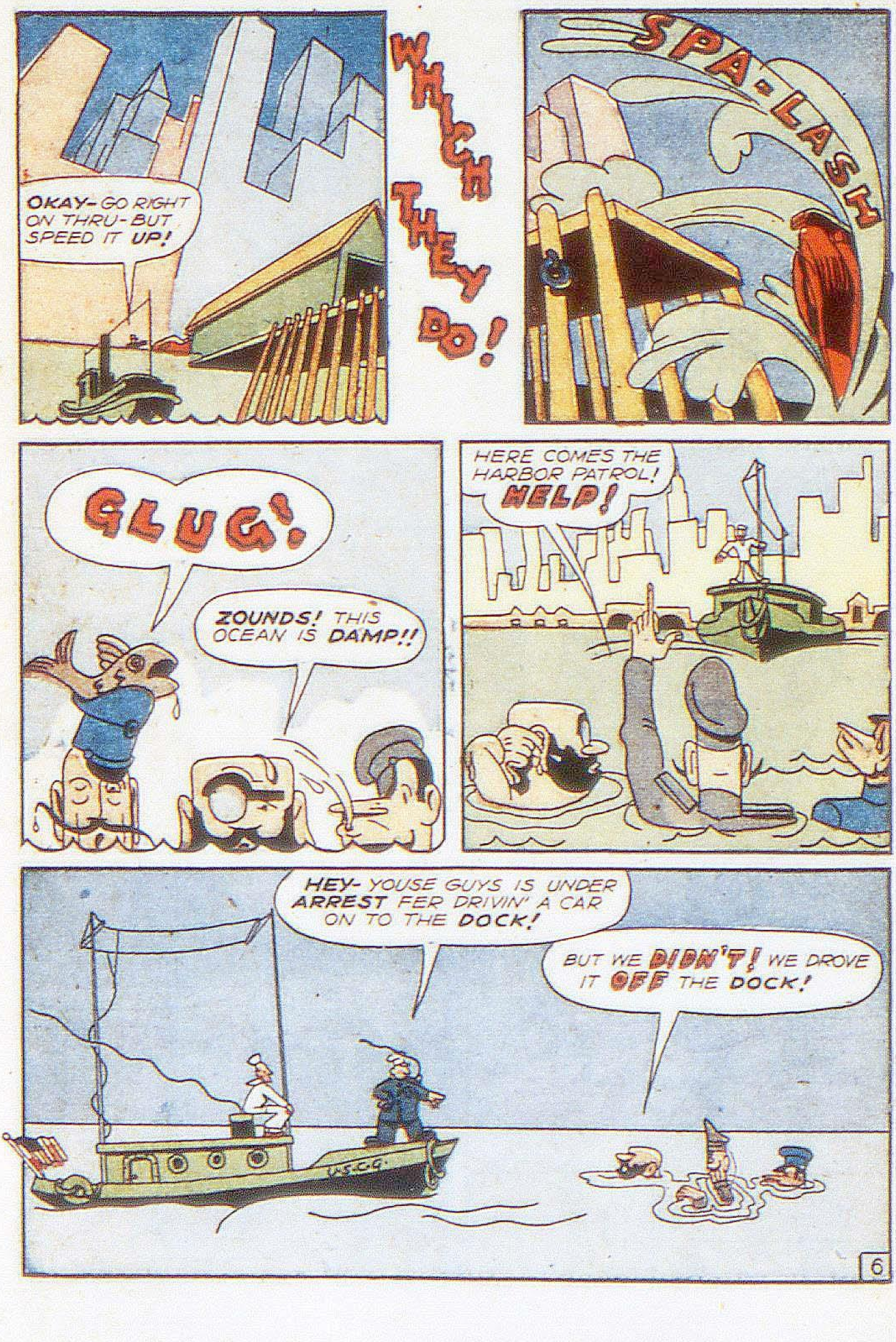
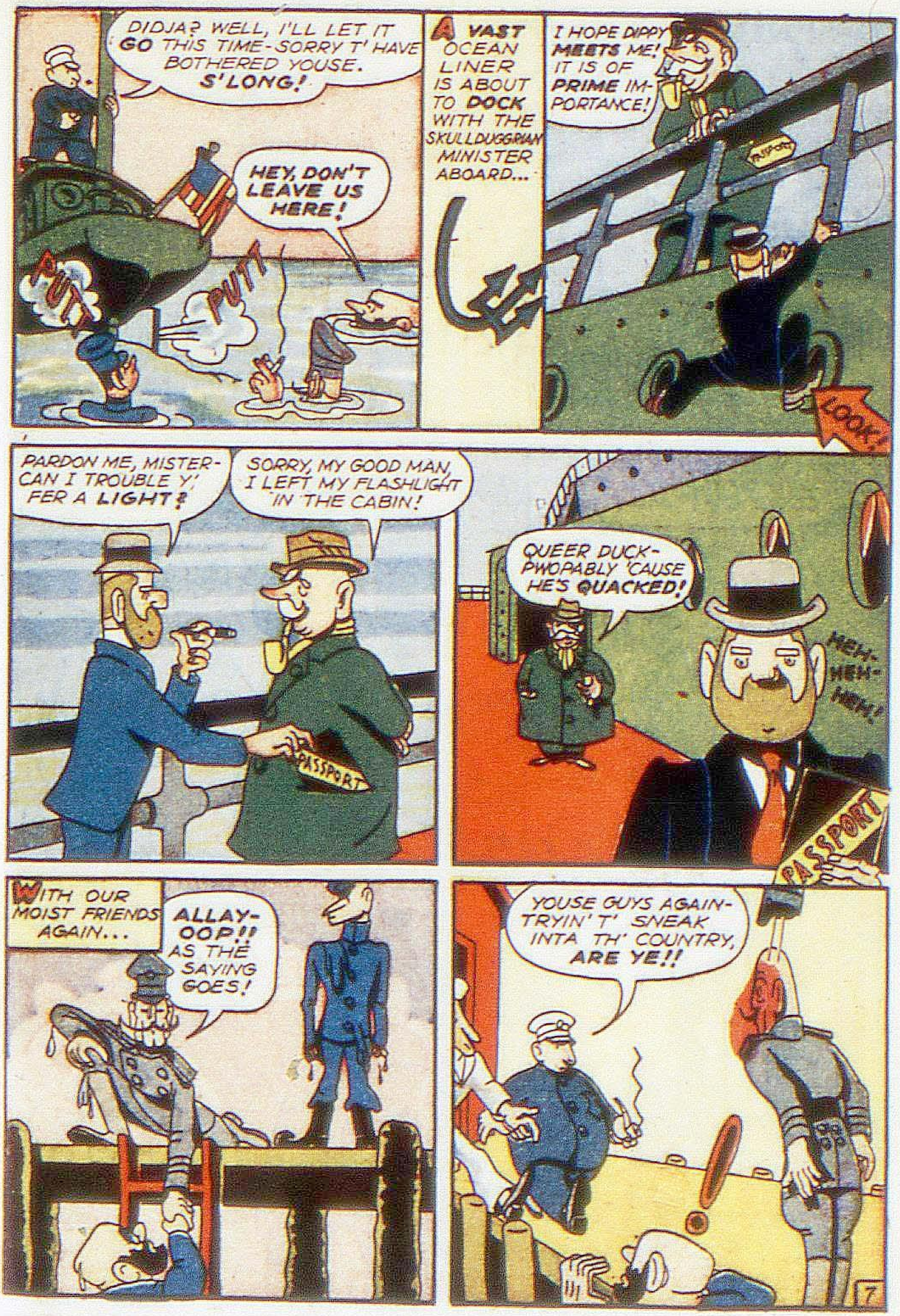

MEBBE WE MAKE IT, HUH?
MEBBE!
THE MUGS ARRIVE - WELL AHEAD OF DIPPY & CO., TAKE CARE OF THE PIER GUARD AND GET SET TO SIDETRACK THE DIPLOMAT -
PIER 58
NEAT! NOW I'LL TAKE THE GUARD'S PLACE!
THAT'S THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL - LET'S GO - AND STEP ON IT!!
58
Y' CAN'T GO ON THE PIER WITHOUT A PASS!
THIS IS DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS, GUARD!


OKAY- GO RIGHT ON THRU- BUT SPEED IT UP!
WHICH THEY DO!
SPA-LASH
GLUG!
ZOUNDS! THIS OCEAN IS DAMP!!
HERE COMES THE HARBOR PATROL! HELP!
HEY- YOUSE GUYS IS UNDER ARREST FER DRIVIN' A CAR ON TO THE DOCK!
BUT WE DIDN'T! WE DROVE IT OFF THE DOCK!
U.S.C.G.


DIDJA? WELL, I'LL LET IT **GO** THIS TIME- SORRY T' HAVE BOTHERED YOUSE. **S'LONG!**
HEY, DON'T LEAVE US HERE!
PUTT
PUTT
A VAST OCEAN LINER IS ABOUT TO **DOCK** WITH THE SKULLDUGGRIAN MINISTER ABOARD...
I HOPE DIPPY **MEETS** ME! IT IS OF **PRIME** IMPORTANCE!
PASSPORT
LOOK!
PARDON ME, MISTER- CAN I TROUBLE Y' FER A **LIGHT?**
SORRY, MY GOOD MAN, I LEFT MY FLASHLIGHT IN THE CABIN!
PASSPORT
QUEER DUCK- PWOPABLY 'CAUSE HE'S **QUACKED!**
HEH-HEH-HEH!
PASSPORT
WITH OUR MOIST FRIENDS AGAIN...
ALLAY-OOP!! AS THE SAYING GOES!
YOUSE GUYS AGAIN- TRYIN' T' SNEAK INTA TH' COUNTRY, **ARE YE!!**
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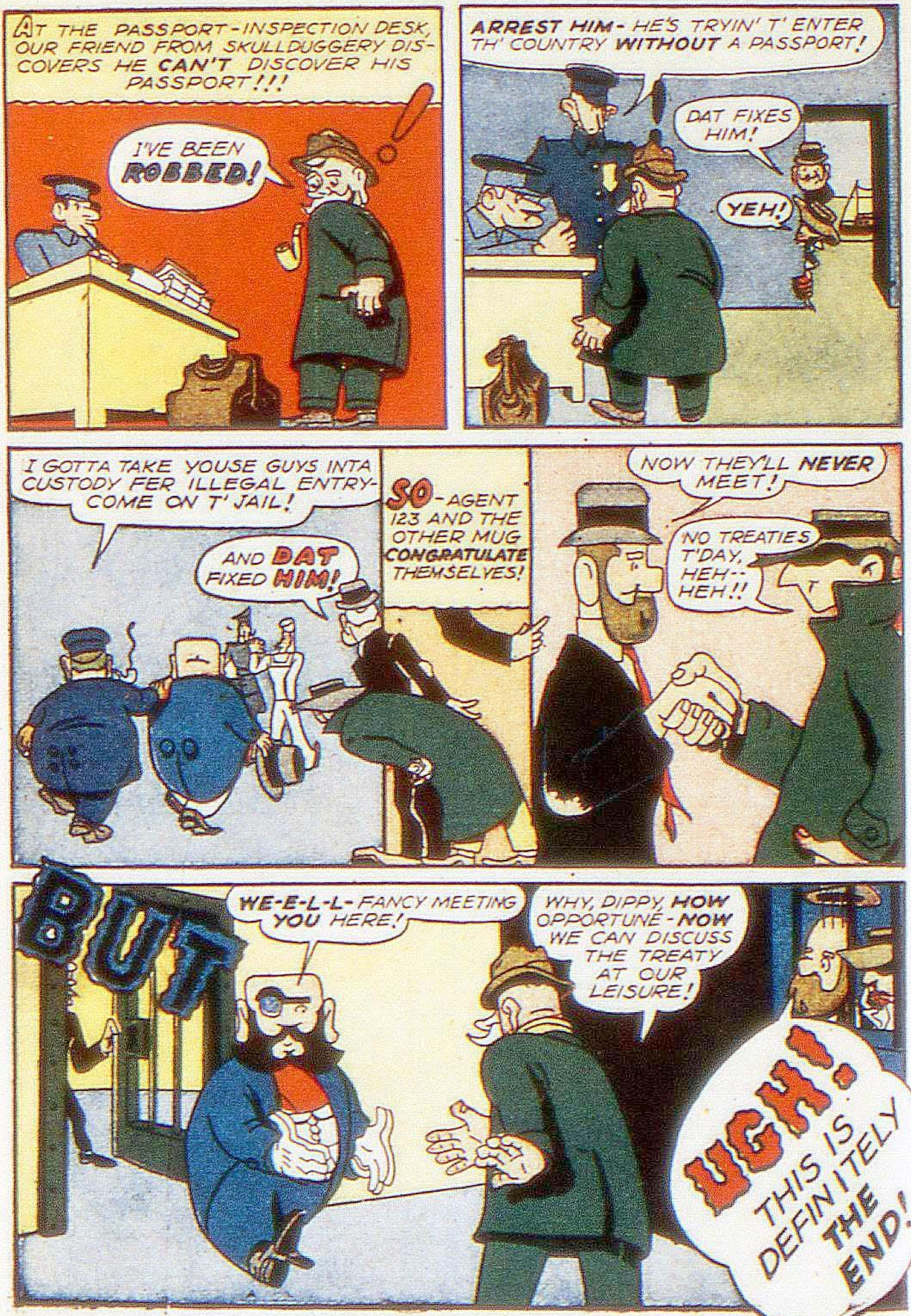
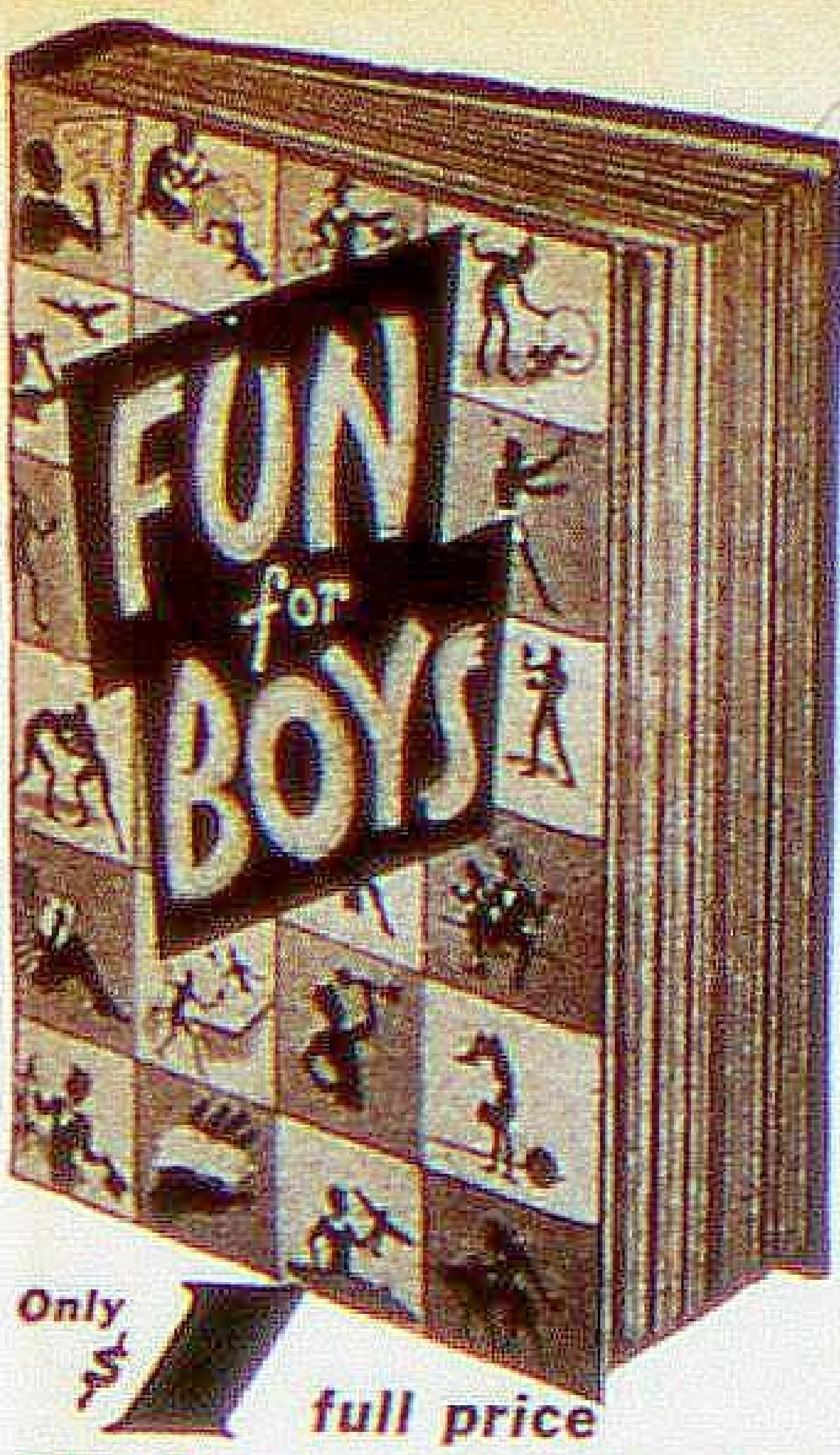

AT THE PASSPORT-INSPECTION DESK, OUR FRIEND FROM SKULLDUGGERY DISCOVERS HE **CAN'T** DISCOVER HIS PASSPORT!!!
!
I'VE BEEN **ROBBED!**
ARREST HIM- HE'S TRYIN' T' ENTER TH' COUNTRY **WITHOUT** A PASSPORT!
DAT FIXES HIM!
YEH!
I GOTTA TAKE YOUSE GUYS INTA CUSTODY FER ILLEGAL ENTRY- COME ON T' JAIL!
AND **DAT** FIXED **HIM!**
SO-AGENT 123 AND THE OTHER MUG **CONGRATULATE** THEMSELVES!
NOW THEY'LL **NEVER** MEET!
NO TREATIES T'DAY, HEH-- HEH!!
BUT
WE-E-L-L-FANCY MEETING **YOU** HERE!
WHY, DIPPY, **HOW** OPPORTUNÉ-**NOW** WE CAN DISCUSS THE TREATY AT OUR LEISURE!
UGH!
THIS IS DEFINITELY **THE END!**



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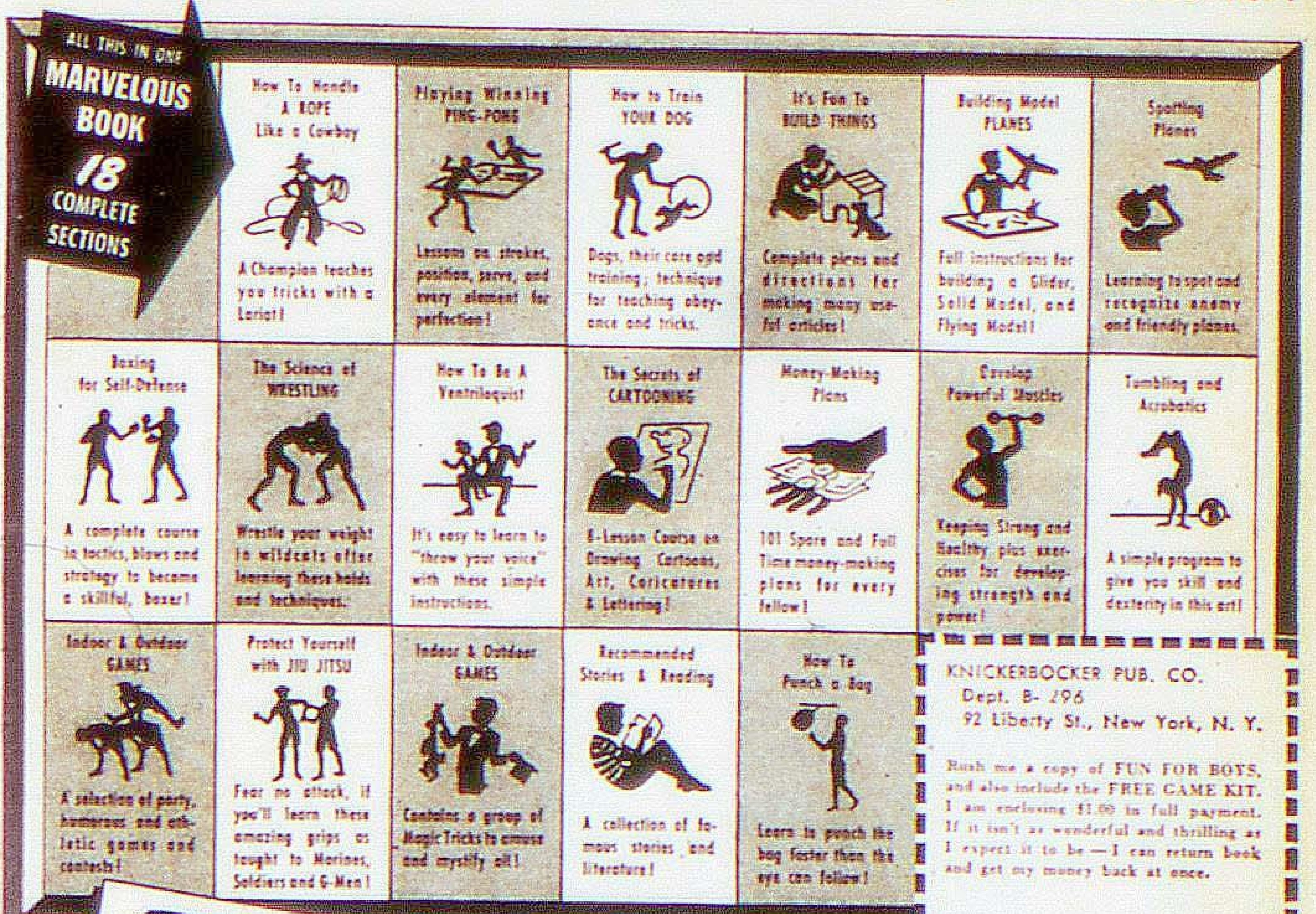

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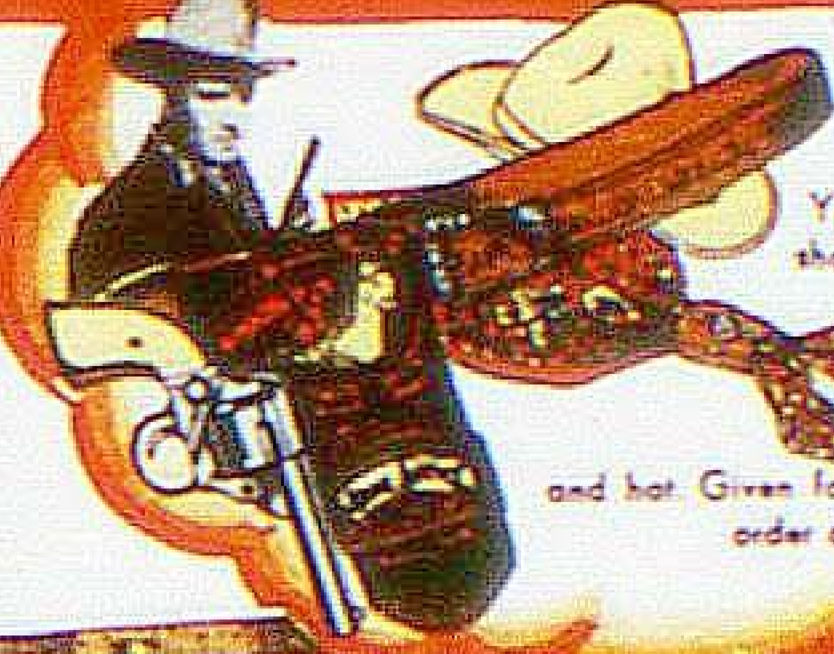

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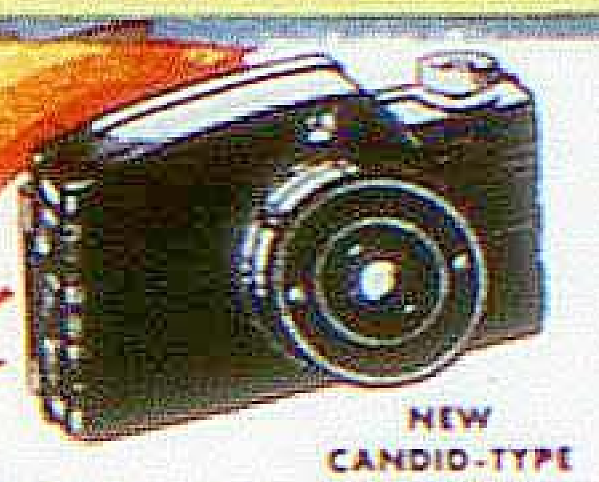

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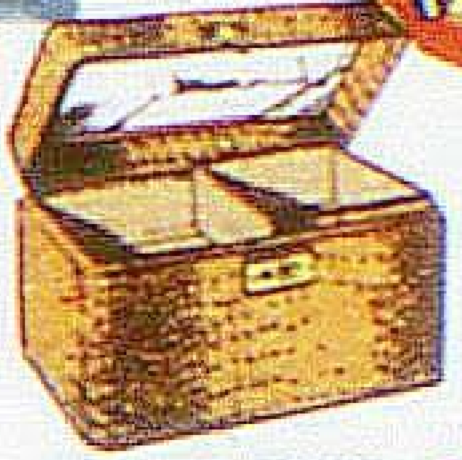

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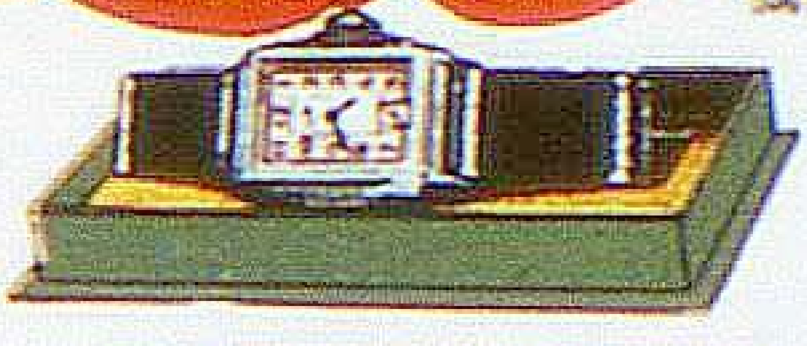

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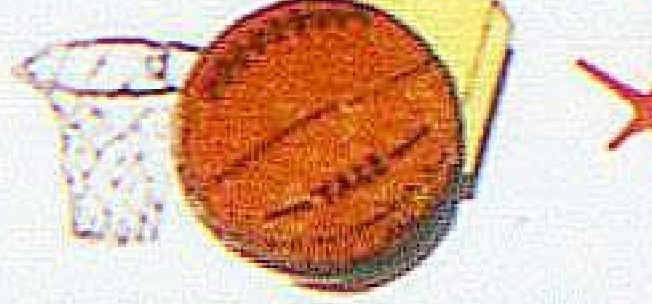

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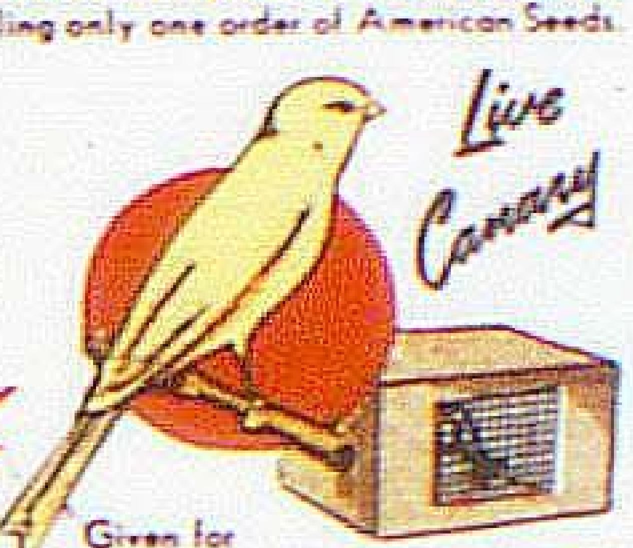

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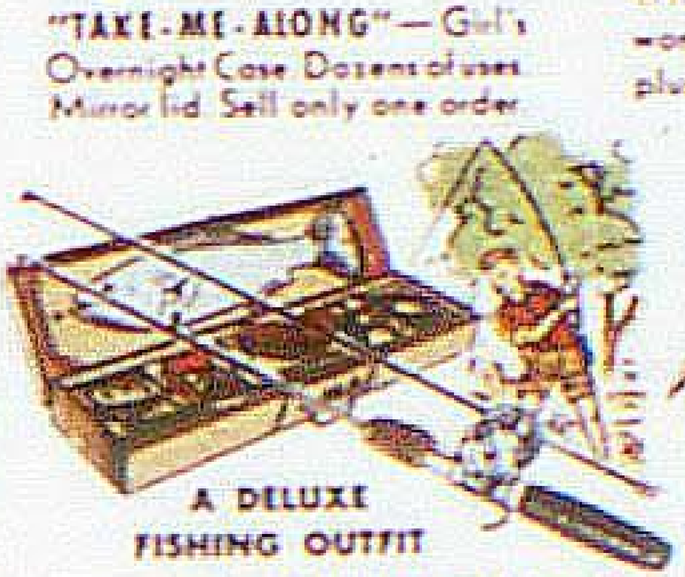

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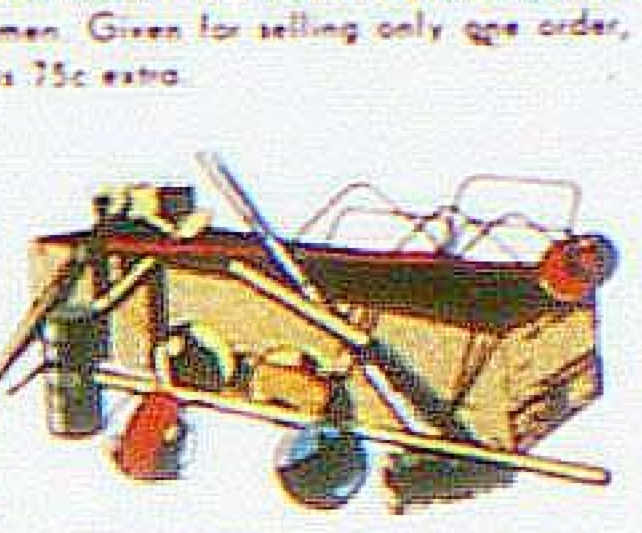

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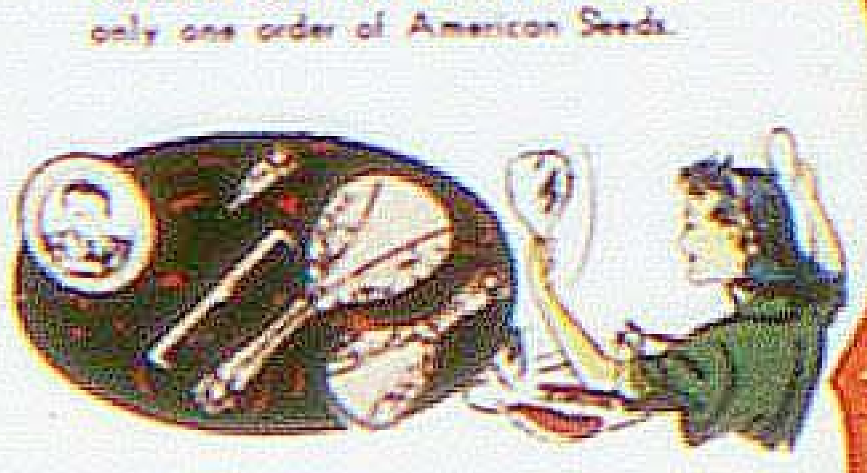

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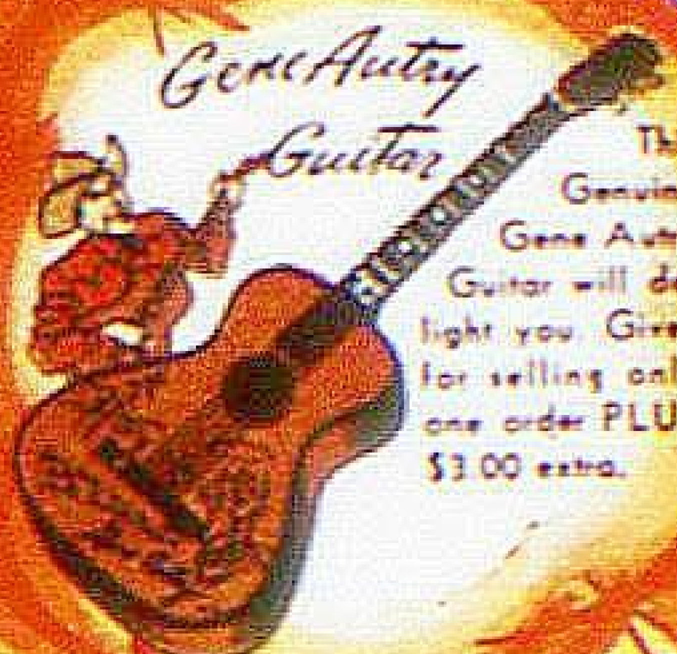

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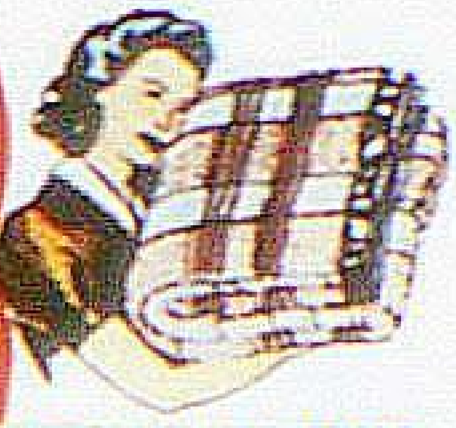

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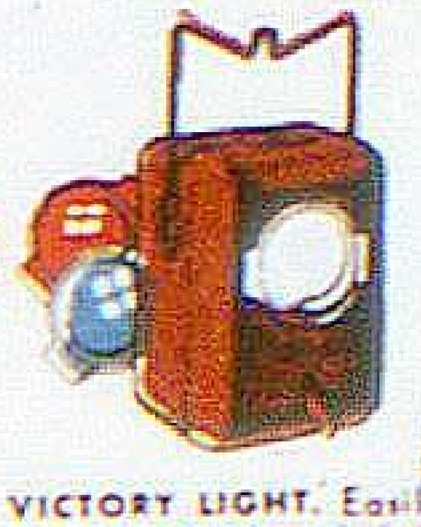

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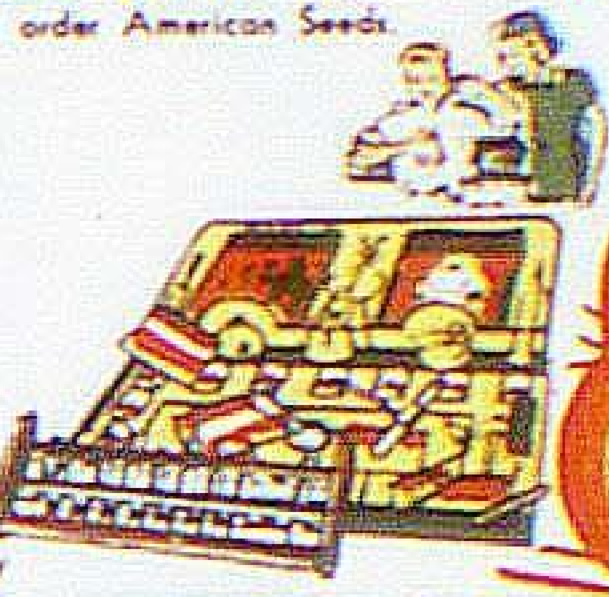

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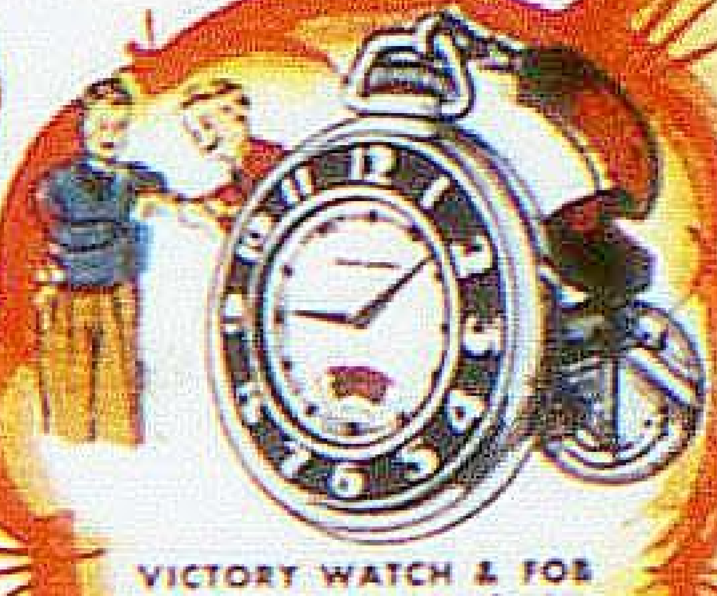

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